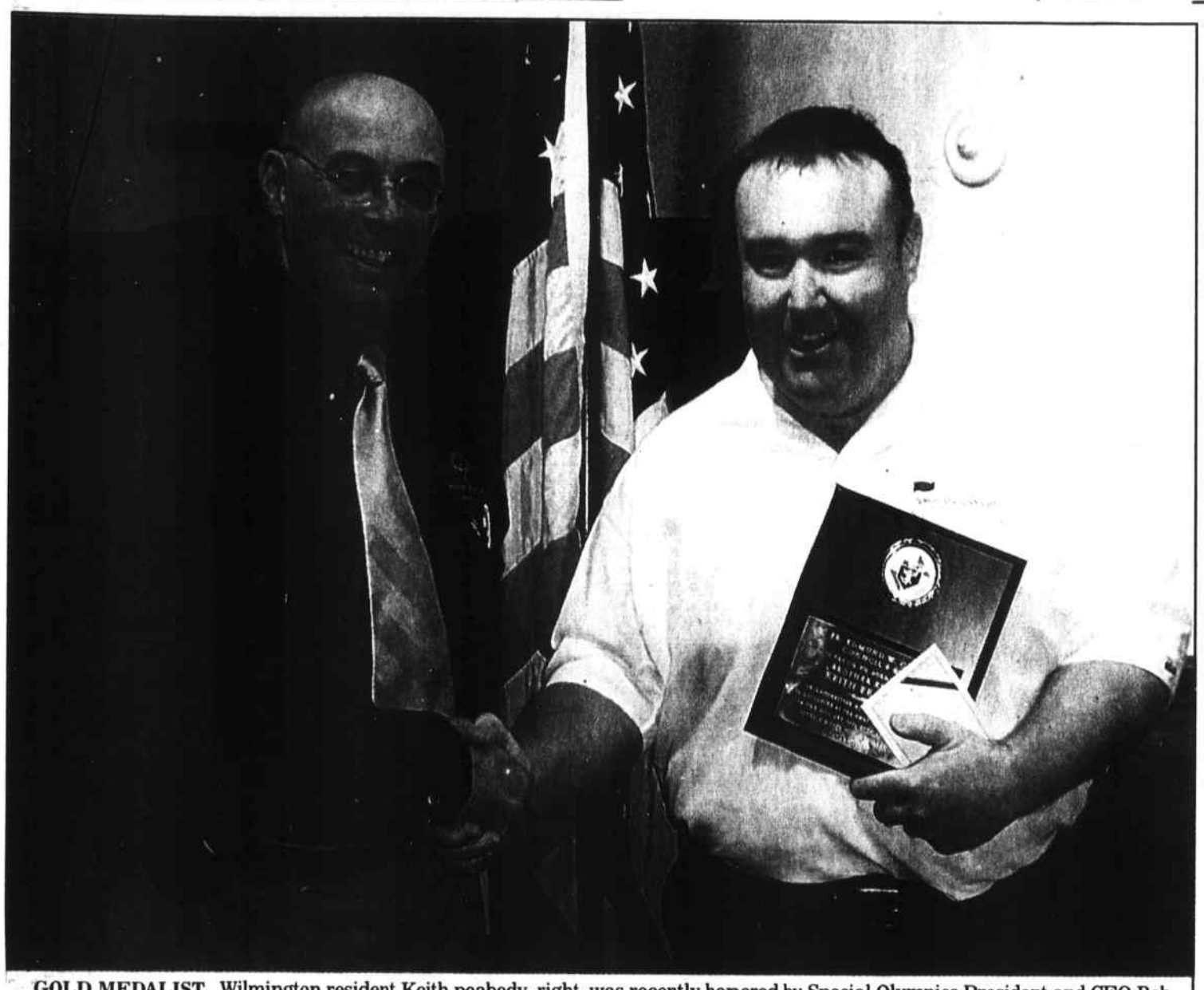
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GOLD MEDALIST. Wilmington resident Keith peabody, right, was recently honored by Special Olympics President and CEO Bob Johnson, left, for his gold medal-winning performance in a golf tournament during the 2002-2003 Special Olympics. Johnson presented Peabody with a plaque during a celebration in the golfer's honor at the local Knights of Columbus Hall on Thursday, March 18. The Knights of Columbus has donated $100 to the Special Olympics in Peabody's name. Peabody, who has played golf since he was 15, was taught the rules of the game by his mother. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

McCoy urges selectmen to fire town counsel

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - Selectmen Chairman Michael McCoy stunned his colleagues during a meeting on Monday night by making a motion to dismiss Town Counsel Paul DeRensis.

As he read from a prepared statement, McCoy detailed the town's current legal bills, which have escalated in the months since DeRensis successfully renegotiated his firm's contract in December.

"I believe that the Town Counsel is qualified in municipal law, and I have all the confidence as a professional that he is equipped to do the job," McCoy said during the March 22 meeting. "However, at what price?"

The Board of Selectmen had hired DeRensis, of the firm of Deutsch, Williams, Brooks, DeRensis & Holland, P.C. (DWBDH), to the position of town counsel in June of 2003, with an agreed upon budget for legal services of $132,800. The vote for that appointment was 3 to 2, with McCoy and Selectman Robert Palmer in the minority.

In December of 2003, the board voted 4 to 1, with Palmer as the lone dissenter, to accept a revised agreement presented by DeRensis half way through his term.

The new agreement, which was voted to be retroactive to December 1, 2003, includes a lower retainer fee, but allows DeRensis to bill hourly for litigation at a rate of $160 per hour. That hourly rate increased to $165 in January of 2004 and does not stipulate any sort of monetary cap.

According to McCoy's calculations, based on an extrapolation of the December and January bills, Wilmington's legal budget for Fiscal Year 2004 could see a deficit of as much as $94,500 by June 30, 2004. The town had budgeted $132,800 for the legal fees incurred during Fiscal Year 2004.

"Originally, Mr. DeRensis signed on to do the job for $132,800," McCoy said. "Four and a half months later, he wanted the board to restructure the methodology on how he would be paid."

McCoy added that in both public and private conversations with DeRensis he expressed his concern that bills could become "a runaway train," but he was assured that they would not. McCoy was hesitant to agree to a revision in the town's agreement with town counsel.

On Monday night McCoy noted that he was especially put off when DeRensis stated that he was prepared to walk away from the Town of Wilmington if his demands for a new contract

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School Committee member arrested

Michael Baker arraigned, faces court date

By STAFF REPORTS

WILMINGTON - School Committee member Michael Baker is facing charges of violating an order of protection.

Baker, who was elected to the Wilmington School Committee in 2003, was arrested on Saturday, March 20, at his current address in Medford.

Last weekend, Baker, 32, allegedly made a phone call to his estranged wife at their Burnap Street home in Wilmington, an action expressly forbidden by the protection order. Baker also, allegedly, had a third person contact his wife via the telephone, an act also expressly forbidden.

The protection order against Baker specified that violations of this kind would be considered a criminal offense.

The Wilmington Police Department was immediately alerted to the violation. According to police records, local authorities have had to approach Baker on approximately 18 separate occasions to handle domestic situations that involved loud verbal altercations.

According to police, Baker's wife tape-recorded last weekend's conversation. Based on the content of that conversation, Wilmington authorities contacted the Medford Police Department and requested that Baker be apprehended.

Baker was held without bail through the remainder of the weekend.

On Monday, March 22, Baker was transported to Woburn District Court and arraigned on charges that he violated both an order of protection and an order of protection by a third party.

A pre-trial hearing for Baker's case has been scheduled for 9 a.m. at Woburn District Court on May 19.

Selectmen candidates to debate this Monday

League of Women Voters' forum set for next night

By SHAWN P. SULLIVAN

WILMINGTON - Get ready for the Great Debate.

The five candidates for the Wilmington Board of Selectmen will go head to head in a debate to be broadcasted live from the Town Hall by WCTV on Monday, March 29.

The event, which will be held in the auditorium of the Town Hall at 121 Glen Road, will last approximately 90 minutes. WCTV will air the debate live on Channel 22 and will repeat the program throughout these final weeks until the Annual Town Election on Saturday, April 17.

The quintet of hopefuls include incumbent Selectwoman Suzanne Sullivan; Michael Newhouse, a former town counsel and selectman; Karl Sagal, a member of the Board of Appeals; Dan Woodbury, a local activist; and Ann Yurek, a member of the Master Plan Committee. Each of the five candidates have their sights set on one of the two three-year seats that are available on the Board of Selectmen this election.

When the debate was first announced in February, a sixth candidate, Mark Nelson, a landscaper, seemed in the running. Nelson, however, dropped out of the race.

Town Moderator James Stewart will once again guide the candidates and the panelists through the series of questions to be asked and answered.

The format of the event will be virtually identical to the debates of years past. Candidates will be afforded opening statements that will likely be restricted to two minutes each. From there, a panel of journalists, which will include Shawn Sullivan of the

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Woburn hoping to re-open New Boston Street Bridge

April 26 public hearing will get residents' thoughts on the matter

By SHAWN P. SULLIVAN

WILMINGTON - Woburn Mayor John Curran appeared before the Wilmington Board of Selectmen on Monday, March 22, and sought support for his city's hope to open up the New Boston Street Bridge.

The bridge, which is located in Woburn, just shy of the Wilmington border at the end of Woburn Street, has been closed since it caught fire in the late 1970s.

Mayor Curran was joined at the meeting by Woburn City Engineer John Corey.

Curran wants the project of restoring and reopening the bridge to move forward so that the relatively adjacent industrial areas in both Woburn and Wilmington can see an improvement in traffic. According to Curran, the bridge could provide multiple paths to and from Routes 93 and 95, offer a secondary entry to the Anderson Regional Transportation Center, and give additional access from the Wilmington Industrial Park to both aforementioned highways.

The goal, Corey told selectmen, is to create an "industrial beltway" in the area.

Curran noted that, to date, the process to restore the bridge has been "slow-moving." Curran hopes that the project can move forward more quickly because improvements at the interchange of Routes 93 and 95 are slated to begin construction in 2009. A reopened bridge, Curran says, will provide an alternative route of local transit while that interchange undergoes its improvements.

In early 2003, the Woburn Engineering Department conducted a study of traffic in the region and came to the conclusion that the replacement of the New Boston Street Bridge would provide an easier circulation of traffic within Woburn's industrial beltway and the region that accesses the Wilmington Industrial Park.

"There will be no adverse

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Planning Board, Finance Committee review warrant

Zoning articles get mixed reception

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - The Planning Board and the Finance Committee met jointly on Thursday, March 18, to review the articles on the warrant for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting.

The meeting was originally scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, but was postponed due to inclement weather. Residents were encouraged to attend the public hearing and speak with support or opposition in regard to the various articles.

Article 24 proposes authorizing the sale of town-owned land located on John Street.

Before any parcel of town-owned land can be sold, it must receive a declaration of surplus from the town manager. Town Manager Michael Caira told the two boards that the sale of this land would provide much needed revenue to the town during these fiscally difficult times.

"We have identified this parcel as property that we believe can be disposed of by public sale," Caira said.

According to Caira, the process for the sale of town-owned land is governed by state laws and local by-laws and includes the public notification of the sale followed by a competitive bid with an established minimum value.

Raymond Forest, the Chairman of the Housing Authority, opposed the article, stating that no town-owned land should be considered surplus. He argued that once the parcel is sold, the town would lose any opportunity to sponsor the construction of affordable

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STARS AND PLANETS. The Woburn Street School performed a play about the planets for parents earlier this month. Second graders Nicole Romanzo, Christopher Popa and Gerald O'Reilly danced to a number called "Sun Power." (Maureen Lamoureux photo)



Casey Desmond to sing in Wilmington

The Wilmington Council for the Arts will feature Casey Desmond, a teen folk singer and songwriter from Boston, on Saturday, April 3. The concert will last from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets for adults will cost $5, while those for senior citizens, students with IDs and children under the age of 12 will cost $2. The Wilmington Council for the Arts is located at 219 Middlesex Avenue in Wilmington. For more information, call 978-658-9798.

Good Guy nomination deadline looms

WILMINGTON - Time is running out for the "Good Guy" nominations. The deadline is approaching to submit your nomination for this year's "Good Guy" award. All entries, to be eligible, must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 2, 2004.

Nominations should be sent to the "Good Guy" Committee, P.O. Box 443, Wilmington, MA. 01887, and should include your reasons why your "Good Guy or Gal" should be selected.

This award is annually given to an outstanding citizen who lives in our community, a non political male or female who gives of themselves to make Wilmington a better place in which to live. The award will be presented at the 36th annual "Good Guy" banquet on Friday, May 14, 2004, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Wilmington.

This will be your last opportunity to take a few minutes and let the Committee know who you feel is most deserving of this year's award.

Democratic Committee will elect officials

TEWKSBURY - The Tewksbury Town Democratic Committee will hold an organizational meeting on Saturday, April 10, 2004, at the main auditorium of the Tewksbury Town Hall at 1009 Main Street on Route 38 at 10 a.m.

The 35 elected members chosen in the Democratic Primary will elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

It is important that every elected member attend this first meeting of the year and vote for their choices.

A general meeting will follow and all registered Democrats are invited to attend.

The Tewksbury Town Democratic Committee welcomes your suggestions and input.

For further information or if you have any questions phone Warren Carey at 978-851-9165.

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by Joyce Brisbois



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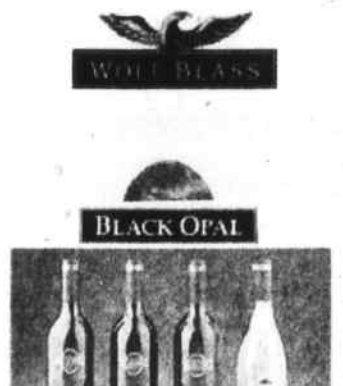


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OPINION

From the Editor's Desk

By Shawn P. Sullivan

Legal Lamenting

Right idea. Wrong approach.

Wilmington Selectmen Chairman Michael McCoy exploded a politically fraught bomb during a meeting on Monday night when he called for Town Counsel Paul DeRensis to be given the boot. McCoy made his surprise motion in response to the town's rising legal expenses, which have ballooned significantly in the three months since DeRensis successfully renegotiated his contract to include hourly billing without a cap.

McCoy told the board that he extrapolated the legal bills of December and January and figured that Wilmington could be more than $94,000 in the hole come June, when the town counsel's contract expires. Selectman Robert Palmer, who opposed DeRensis's appointment and the revised contract, calculated similarly alarming figures more than a month ago.

Town meeting voters approved $132,800 for the position of town counsel last year. Under the new contract, that figure went up in smoke in February, with nearly a handful of months left on the contract.

How to stop the bleeding? McCoy asked the board to fire DeRensis and hire the big city firm Kopelman & Paige, effective April 1.

Yes. The April 1 that is just days away.

This is not an early April Fools Day joke.

According to the chairman, the new firm would assume Wilmington's legal load to the tune of $155,300. That's roughly $22,500 in flat fees for April, May and June, plus the much-missed figure of $132,000 for Fiscal Year 2005.

The expressions on the faces of McCoy's fellow selectmen and Town Manager Michael Caira will not soon be forgotten. In a slap to his colleagues, McCoy sprung his battle cry on them without warning. As chairman of the board, McCoy sets the agenda for every selectmen meeting. It's unfortunate that McCoy did not prepare the other selectmen for his move by placing the matter as an appointment on the agenda. McCoy instead chose a more incendiary approach by bringing up the issue under "new business." The other selectmen should remember this when they choose a chairman after the election next month.

It's too bad that one can't check cynicism at the door when inspired to applaud McCoy. The truth is, he did big things on Monday night. He acknowledged a financial problem spiraling out of control, he admitted he made a mistake in helping to create that danger, and he proposed what he believed would be a sweeping reform.

As usual, though, McCoy did it all with his trademark impulsivity. It's a good thing that the rest of the board swatted his adolescent push for immediate satisfaction with calls for caution. Indeed, the board rejected McCoy's motion and declared a special meeting to take place this week, so that the matter can be more carefully addressed.

Just imagine if the board voted alongside McCoy and went with his plan. Former Town Counsel Michael Newhouse, who knows a thing or two about the transition from one town counsel to another, called the Town Crier on Tuesday and offered this analogy.

"A transition between town counsels is like going down Route 93 at 70 miles per hour and deciding to change drivers without pulling over," Newhouse said.

Newhouse went through an agreeable transition when he succeeded Alan Altman as town counsel, and then he went through a rocky one when DeRensis was chosen to replace him. Both transitions took several weeks to unfold. McCoy wanted DeRensis out the door and Kopelman & Paige on board within eight days.

See? Right idea. Wrong approach.

Letting DeRensis go is a good idea. DeRensis and his colleagues may have done some high-powered, quality work for Wilmington, but, thus far, their time here in town seems a disaster.

The Board of Selectmen hired DeRensis so that the position of town counsel could be de-politicized. The position, however, has remained highly political ever since DeRensis was hired. Nothing's changed.

For starters, DeRensis failed to honor his contract and his word that he'd eat runaway costs.

Secondly, he failed to respect his bosses. He told selectmen he'd bolt if they didn't give him what he wanted. And he threw his predecessor under the bus to bolster his case.

Thirdly, but not lastly, he has occasionally painted the town administration as uncooperative, a depiction that could prove handy for anyone who can't wait to get Michael Caira off the town's payroll.

Blame, however, rests with the four members of the Board of Selectmen who failed to hold DeRensis to his contract and depleted this year's funds for legal expenses. Those four should have heeded Palmer's foresight, for now they're the ones who have to take drastic measures to get things under control.

McCoy got the ball rolling on Monday night. He deserves credit for that, but don't be fooled. He's up for re-election next year, after all, and he does not want this issue to politically destroy him, as it could destroy Suzanne Sullivan next month, if she does not help resolve this matter to the voters' liking. This is a case in which acting now is both politically expedient for McCoy *and* in the best interest of Wilmington.

But McCoy still got that ball rolling. Now the board must proceed with absolute care, take as much time as needed, and cover every single base in its pursuit of a town counsel who knows the meaning of a contract, keeps out of local politics, and stays the course.

Letters to the Editor

Sagal, local talk show host, responds to attacking political foes

Dear Editor:

It appears that we live in Oz, not Wilmington. I know this because the cowardly lion has again attacked me. And what was the weapon of choice? This "Letter to the Editor" column. Now, I know that some may choose to have their name withheld for personal reasons. I don't fear having others know my positions, but others may. There is no excuse, however, to making personal attacks and hiding your identity. That is cowardice.

Several months ago, I was attacked by a wimp that didn't have the integrity to use his or her own name, all for the false and sadly simpering accolade of Michael Newhouse. That author never demonstrated the intestinal fortitude to put their real name with their misleading and false accusations.

Now, in last week's letter to this column, the whining has begun again. The cowardly author of last week's diatribe asked many questions that would be obvious to all but the simplest of minds. But that is okay, not everyone has even basic analytical skills.

I will answer some of the more obvious and contrived complaints, however. I do this for the benefit of those who may have been more casual observers, and therefore missed some of the simpering babble.

The first paragraph asked why I would provide Mr. Shine an opportunity to speak to the town where he grew up, and spent several years as Commander of the Disabled American Veterans, and also personally organized and financed all four Viet Nam Veterans' Memorial Monuments in town.

I did this for the same reason that I offer my show to all the other guests that I have had. The name of the show is "Wilmington Perspectives." What part of the title do you have a problem understanding? I offered him the opportunity to speak his perspective, the same as I have done for town department heads, the DEP, selectmen and many others that I have had as guests.

That letter went on to ask why I didn't question or challenge Mr. Shine.

I offer my guests a cordial environment from which to present their perspective. Perhaps I should have challenged the Director of Elder Affairs to defend her programs, or maybe I should have questioned the town nurse when she was on. Maybe my attacker with no name would have rather I attacked the gentlemen that run the Community Fund or the Food Bank.

Enough of that.

My gutless assailant stated that I should explain what I hoped to accomplish by allowing Mr. Shine to speak.

I did. Watch the show.

That letter went on to indicate that I should handle the show, which has been on the air for two years, differently because I am a candidate for selectman.

I remind Wimpy to watch the show again. I did not mention once that I am running for selectman. I didn't use it in any way politically. Why did you?

As far as using Eagle Mail for mailing services, whom would you suggest? Maybe I should go to Dunkin Donuts and ask them to fold and stuff envelopes. Of course I went to a leading mail house, which is used for political mailings for the Mayor of Woburn Beacon Hill and dozens of other local politicians, including others in this town.

Maybe I should remind Wimpy that he attacked me in the Town Crier, and I used the Crier a few weeks ago for a political flyer. Does that make them guilty of something? Yes it does. It makes them guilty of letting people express their perspectives, often without challenging them . . .

Karl Ian Sagal
Name Printed by request

Vote for Michael Newhouse for Selectman

Dear Editor:

Thank you for allowing me to submit this letter to your newspaper. I am hopeful it will be printed, as I have never written before, and wish to share some reasons why Michael Newhouse would be a great asset for our town as a selectman.

I note with interest previous Town Crier editorials, written by Mr. Shawn Sullivan, suggesting things we as citizens might keep in mind when choosing a person for whom to vote in this election. Specifically, I refer to his editorial of January 21, 2004, in which he rightfully highlights the benefit of having an independent voice to provide balance to any single-minded group of decision makers and hopes one will step forward. On February 25, 2004, Mr. Sullivan asked voters to keep in mind one question which may distinguish one candidate from the rest: namely, who among them truly seems to love Wilmington and appears the least distracted by destructive agendas and personality traits. Both of Mr. Sullivan's observations are insightful, and pertinent in any election, but are particularly relevant this year.

I respectfully suggest, based solely on his proven record of performance and decency in this town, Michael Newhouse is the candidate who not only satisfies but also exemplifies these virtues.

Mike is an intelligent, honest, hard-working person who has done a lot of good for Wilmington. I am reminded of that embarrassing period last spring when the current Board of Selectmen failed to reappoint him as our town counsel. Wilmington's Fire Chief, along with every single town department head and 1,800 residents, unsuccessfully appealed to the board to rethink their unfortunate action. Chief Stewart called the board's attention to an instance when Mr. Newhouse, then a private attorney, performed some legal work for the department and refused to accept any payment whatsoever.

Stewart recalled how Mike told him he only wanted to "help the team." Those were his exact words. I can only speak for myself, but I think it is high time we all shared this spirit and worked together for the good of the town.

As an aside, I know of numerous instances over the years where Mike Newhouse has helped individual town residents and their families with legal problems for a reduced fee or, sometimes, no fee at all. Compare this attitude with how some other legal professionals treat the bottom line and you can see why Mike is a special individual and a credit to Wilmington.

Finally, Michael Newhouse stands apart as someone who refuses to use his campaign or position to belittle, harass or attack another person.

I remember one candidate, when asked last month by a newspaper why he is running for selectman, said that he wanted to keep Mr. Newhouse out of the position. Although this fellow gets points for his honesty, I know the town has more important issues for its selectmen to address than the feeding of egos, power plays or petty revenge.

I recall yet another candidate who recently issued fliers and a mailing to residents that singled Mike out. At one point, this candidate jubilantly highlighted how he **"lost"** (emphasis in the original) a previous election, as if losing in and of itself was a character flaw.

I refuse to teach my children that they should never attempt a worthwhile goal for fear of failure. This type of thinking is not what America is all about, and, in fact, runs counter to what has made us great.

These candidates' actions and personal smears are ugly, unproductive, and typify the behavior that has been a recent embarrassment to Wilmington. It has gone on for too long and needs to stop.

Mike addressed his supporters this past weekend, and, despite having both the opportunity and justification to retaliate, stubbornly refused. Instead, he took a few moments to remind us why we love Wilmington, why we should be proud of living here, and how we can make it a better place for our families and ourselves.

Win, lose or draw, Mike continues to show the grace and dignity that we have seen from him before, especially in the last year.

Friends, this is decency, character, and strength, and we need these qualities of the Board of Selectman.

I urge all my fellow residents to join me and cast a vote for Mike Newhouse for Selectman on April 17. Thank you.

Patricia McAndrew
Wilmington

Doesn't sound like "smart growth" to her

Dear Editor:

It was good to see that our town consultants have agreed with the information the Mills Corporation has provided to the citizens of Tewksbury.

Judi Barrett, the peer review consultant, verified what Mills has been saying all along: Annual revenue to the town would be between $2,000,000 and $4,000,000 per year. Mills has said $3,000,000 per year. She also stated that the costs for added town services, police, fire, etc. are between $360,000 and $860,000 per year. Mills has said $500,000.

I have been worried that the mall would hurt small business in Tewksbury. I was happy to hear Ms. Barrett say that it was unlikely the mall would affect those local businesses. Barrett also stated 2,000 construction jobs would be created along with 1,200 retail jobs. These retail jobs will be a great opportunity for retirees and stay-at-home parents to supplement their income as well as allowing high school and college students to pick up extra money. In addition, the mall will provide good paying permanent jobs for professionals in the retail business.

What did concern me, however, was her recommendation for additional housing for the site. She referred to it as "Smart Growth." Barrett, in her own words, admitted that for every $1.00 in tax revenue we take in for single family home, we spend $1.37. In other words, we lose money. On the other hand, for every $1.00 we take in for commercial, we spend thirty cents? In other words, we make money.

Does that sound like "Smart Growth" to anyone in town?

Nicole Whitney
Tewksbury

Ceremony will retire flags properly

Dear Editor:

Since September 11, 2001, there has been a tremendous increase in the flying of flags in Wilmington and everywhere else in this country.

We, the Wilmington Minutemen, have noted that some of these flags are becoming faded, tattered and worn. We would like to perform a ceremony to retire these flags with dignity.

On Flag Day on June 14, 2004, we will have a ceremony to properly retire these flags.

If you have one or more flags that need to be retired, you can deposit them in containers at the Town Crier office, The U.S. Post Office and the Town Hall.

The veterans' organizations have been invited to join in the ceremony and to donate any flags that they have.

I would like to extend this Invitation to anyone in Wilmington who would like to participate to join us at our Headquarters behind the Harnden Tavern at 6 p.m. on June 14 to observe this ceremony.

Frank D. Curley
Past Captain
Wilmington Minutemen

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MADE IT THROUGH THE WINTER. Sean Higgins, 5, has declared the end of the coldest winter in memory and heralded the blessed arrival of spring with this hat that he made at the Boutwell School in Wilmington on Tuesday, March 23.
(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Bookends

by Debra Russo

Bookends met on Thursday, March 4, and discussed* Empire Falls *by Richard Russo.

Once or twice a year the members of Bookends put together the list of books we want to read in the coming months. Members propose books that they've either read before and think the group would enjoy discussing; not read before but have heard good things about; heard about and know nothing about but are really curious about; or (my favorite) been given as gifts but haven't had time to read them.

The best thing about putting the list together is that it's completely democratic, so books of all kinds make it onto the list. This is the group that read Steinbeck's *East of Eden* a year before Oprah recommended it and then followed it up with a book on Parkinson's disease.

Our book for March, the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo, was different. We read this book as part of our participation in Wilmington Memorial Library's "Wilmington Reads *Empire Falls*" program. Last year, the residents of Wilmington, in another democratic process, chose *Empire Falls* (over finalists *Seabiscuit* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*) to be the centerpiece of a month of related activities. Although we would have read whichever book won, Bookends members had voted for *Empire Falls*.

This is a great book to read, reread, discuss and savor. It's a big book about a small town, it's about dreaming and dying, growing up and moving on, chances taken, regrets, friendship, secrets, loyalty, high school and parenthood. It's about everybody knowing your business and nobody knowing their neighbor. We couldn't have chosen better.

Empire Falls is the name of a fictional mill town in central Maine. Its name is appropriate. Over several generations of the Whiting family, who built up the paper and textile mills and the shirt factory, the town hummed with industry. Now the last generation of Whitings has sold out to the multinational corporations that close the factories and end the jobs. Once a thriving place, Empire Falls is now a town of empty sidewalks and boarded-up windows. Tourists don't stop here.

All that remains of the Whiting family is the conniving Francine and her crippled daughter, Cindy. Francine still owns much of the commercial property in Empire Falls, including the Empire Grill, which is managed by the good-hearted Miles Roby. Twenty years before, Francine had offered Miles a deal: If he would leave college and manage the diner for her, she would take financial care of Mile's mother, Grace, who had cancer. Grace, having herself made a similar deal once with Francine, begged Miles to stay away from Empire Falls.

Those looking for a novel with a lot of action mostly won't find it here. Like the famous description of the old Seinfeld television show, it's a book "about nothing." The enjoyment comes from the quirky characters going about their funny, boring, messy, every day lives. The thing is, these characters have been drawn so vividly and gracefully, their qualities and imperfections so keenly observed, their stories told with such humor and love, that you find yourself believing in them and wishing them well.

Some of them, anyway.

We meet Mile's family: his humorless soon-to-be ex-wife, Janine, who believes that her obsession with aerobics and her 50-pound weight loss have made her a better person; his smart and sensitive teenage daughter, Tick, who is going through high school hell; his rebellious and visionary brother, David, itching to stick it to Francine; and his father, Max Roby, a free spirit who lives life on his own terms, without apology.

And there are the townspeople who come into the Empire Grill for company, advice or trouble, such as Walt "The Silver Fox" Comeau, Janine's fiancé and a crowing rooster of a man, given to calling Miles "Big Boy" and losing daily at gin to Horace Weymouth, editor of the local paper.

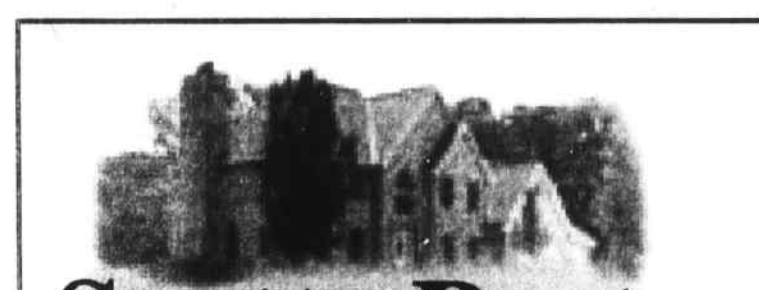
Everyone who's ever taken an English class has been told to 'write about what you know.' Russo knows this town. He understands that there is dignity in doing a job well, no matter how menial the job, and what happens when the jobs go away. He explains what gets sacrificed when we trade the homely and reliable for the flashy surface. He conveys the friction between those who have and those who want, and the desperation of those who've just given up. And he can make you laugh out loud while he does it. *Empire Falls* is tears-in-your-eyes funny.

Except for one part. Some members thought a chilling episode of high school violence near the book's end was unnecessary, even gratuitous. Judge for yourself. Russo wrote this after a real-life event in Paducah, Kentucky and well before another, more infamous, occurrence in Colorado.

Bookends meetings generally have about a dozen or so people. This time there were 28! We congratulate the staff of Wilmington Memorial Library for their hard work, and for introducing our community to that of Empire Falls.

Bookends meets on the first Thursday of every month, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Wilmington Memorial Library. The next meeting will be on April 1, 2004 to discuss Ice Bound by Dr. Jerri Nielsen. All are welcome.

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Living in Empire Falls

Shawn Sullivan, Editor of the Town Crier, and Kathleen Black Reynolds, Wilmington's Town Curator, will lead a discussion of *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo on Wednesday, March 31 at 7 p.m. Critics of Russo's books often note his ability to capture the nuances and character of small town life. A.O. Scott writes in the New York Times Book Review, "*Empire Falls*, situated at a fictitious and unlovely bend in the Knox River, is the kind of place tourists from Boston and New York speed through en route to the mini-Martha's Vineyards of the Maine Coast, perhaps stopping for lunch at a place like the Empire Grill and eavesdropping on the taciturn, wise-cracking regulars. By the end of this novel you'll know the town's geography like a native, and its tattered landmarks—the Empire Grill, the old Whiting shirt factory, the architectural folly C.B. Whiting built across the river ..."

What outside forces impact the town of Empire Falls? How do the people in this fictional town relate to each other? Are there any similarities between Empire Falls and Wilmington? Bring your questions and thoughts to share with other residents at this final Wilmington Reads event. Photos of "George's Restaurant," a diner owned by George Spanos that has a special place in Wilmington's history, will be on display at this program.

Books in Bloom

The Wilmington Memorial Library and the Wilmington Garden Club have joined together to celebrate spring with "Books in Bloom." The library staff has selected ten books that the talented members of the Garden Club will interpret with flower arrangements. These arrangements will be on display from March 31st through April 3rd at the library. You will find eight floral arrangements on the first floor and two on the second floor of the library. Residents are encouraged to stop by the library to enjoy the "books in bloom" display.

Friends of the Library Executive Board

The Friends of the Library elected the following officers on March 18th to the Executive Board for the next year: Jim Lemay - President, Barbara Hooper - Vice-President, Jeff Nussbaum - Treasurer, Julie Sbraccia-Manos - Recording Secretary, Joy Lemay - Membership Chair, Martha Stevenson - Corresponding Secretary, Shirley Hadefield - Decorating Chair, Terry McDermott - Publicity Chair, Eileen MacDougall - Newsletter Chair, Karen Campbell - Fundraising Chair, Dianne Pizette Hospitality Co-Chair and Charlotte Stewart - Hospitality Co-Chair. The Friends Executive Board meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the library. Members are always welcome to attend Friends Executive Board meetings.

Upcoming Children's Programs

Debbie O'Carroll will combine stage magic and theatre in The Magic Library for children ages 4 & older on Tuesday, March 30th at 4 pm. Visit or call the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098 for your free tickets. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Time for Twos, a half-hour drop-in story time for two year-olds and their caregivers, will be held on Thursday, April 1st at 10 am.

Dave at Night by Gail Carson Levine was chosen by kids ages 9 & older for their book discussion on Friday, April 2nd at 3:30 pm.

Upcoming Teen Events

Teen Book Discussion

The Seven Songs of Merlin by T.A. Barron (Book 2 of the *Lost Years of Merlin* series) will be discussed on Friday, March 26th at 3:30 pm.

Open Mike Night

The library's first ever Teen Coffee House & Open Mike Night will be held on Monday, April 12th at 7pm. Performers can sign up in the Teen Zone (on the 2nd fl.) or by calling 978-694-2098.

Thanks to WHS Honor Students

Wilmington High School Honor Students have recently volunteered their community service time to help the library make its fiction collection more accessible. Having completed a "deep" weed of this collection, the library needed some strong volunteers to shift all the fiction books and eliminate the high shelving. Thanks to all these students who helped with this project.

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FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW. Outgoing School Committee member Ed Dick, seated next to his wife, Betty, had a terrific time at the appreciation dinner that was held at the Longmeadow Golf Club in his honor in Lowell last Friday night. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

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Wilmington Police Log

Monday, March 15

Motor vehicle-related accidents reportedly occurred on Church Street and Main Street.

Tuesday, March 16

Motor vehicle-related accidents reportedly occurred on Grove Avenue, Glen Road, Salem Street, Washington Avenue, Treasure Hill Road, and Ballardvale Street.

Wednesday, March 17

Motor vehicle-related accidents reportedly occurred on North Street, Upton Drive, Middlesex Avenue, Lowell Street, and Salem Street.

Thursday, March 18

Motor vehicle-related accidents reportedly occurred on Middlesex Avenue and Ballardvale Street.

Property valued at approximately $1,200 was reportedly stolen from Hyundai of Wilmington on Main Street.

Neighbors reportedly disputed on Fay Street.

Friday, March 19

Motor vehicle-related accidents reportedly occurred on Main Street and Salem Street.

Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Fairmeadow Road.

Neighbors reportedly disputed on Fiorenza Drive.

A mailbox at a residence on King Street was reportedly vandalized.

A fight reportedly occurred between individuals at Burger King on Lowell Street.

A party held at a residence on Kilby Street reportedly disturbed the peace.

A 17-year-old Winthrop youth was arrested and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, armed robbery, and assault with the intent to murder, following an incident occurring on Butters Row. Also at the scene, a 17-year-old South Boston youth was arrested and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, armed robbery, and assault with the intent to murder. The Wilmington Police Department executed a search warrant of the suspect's South Boston home and reportedly seized evidence. The suspect was held without bail.

George Nolan, Jr., 34, of 142 R Chestnut Street, Wilmington, was arrested on Lowell Street and was charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, illegally possessing a Class D substance, and failing to stay within marked lanes of travel.

Saturday, March 20

A motor vehicle-related accident reportedly occurred on Main Street.

Tires of a vehicle parked on Lords Court were reportedly maliciously slashed.

Michael Baker, 32, of Medford, was arrested and charged with violating an order of protection. Baker was held without bail.

Sunday, March 21

A motor vehicle-related accident reportedly occurred on Andover Street.

A mailbox at a residence on Henry L. Drive was reportedly vandalized.

Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Stone Street.

Tewksbury Police Log

Monday, March 15

A motor vehicle-related accident reportedly occurred on Main Street.

The tires of a vehicle parked on Woburn Street were reportedly maliciously slashed.

A fight reportedly occurred between individuals at a business on Main Street.

Officers helped resolve a dispute between neighbors on Martha Avenue.

Stephen Patterson, 28, of Tewksbury, was arrested at his home at 105 Brown Street and was charged with receiving stolen property valued at more than $250.

Tuesday, March 16

Motor vehicle-related accidents reportedly occurred on Pleasant Street, Whipple Road, Hoover Road, Woburn Street, Main Street, Foster Road, and River Road.

A mailbox at a residence on Maple Street was reportedly vandalized.

The front yard, fence, and mailbox of a residence on Pinnacle Street were reportedly maliciously damaged.

A vehicle parked at a business on Main Street was reportedly vandalized.

Michael LeMay, 44, of Lawrence, was arrested in the vicinity of 333 Main Street and was charged with the larceny of property valued at more than $250.

Wednesday, March 17

Motor vehicle-related accidents reportedly occurred on East Street, Apple Hill Drive, Main Street, French Street, and North Street.

Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Tenth Street.

Thursday, March 18

A motor vehicle-related accident reportedly occurred on East Street.

A fence at a residence on Pinewold Avenue was reportedly vandalized.

An argument between a customer and the clerks at Haffner's Gas Station on Main Street reportedly caused a disturbance.

Tauryn Morris, 23, of Billerica, was arrested in the vicinity of 1475 Main Street and was charged with illegally possessing a Class A substance and intending to distribute it in the vicinity of schools, parks, or playgrounds.

Friday, March 19

Franz Ferraz, 29, of Peabody, was arrested in the vicinity of 1699 Shawsheen Street and was charged with operating a vehicle after the suspension/revocation of his driver's license.

Saturday, March 20

Benjamin Wagstaff, 19, of Pelham, New Hampshire, was arrested in the vicinity of 365 East Street and was charged with possessing alcohol as a minor.

Richard Rivera, 23, of Lowell, was arrested in the vicinity of 90 Patten Road and was charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Sunday, March 21

Thomas Pothier, 41, of Tewksbury, was arrested at his home at 745 Whipple Road as a courtesy booking for the Malden Police Department on a charge of assault with the intent to rape.

William Briere, 19, of Pelham, New Hampshire, was arrested in the vicinity of 365 East Street and was charged with possessing alcohol as a minor and negligently operating a vehicle.

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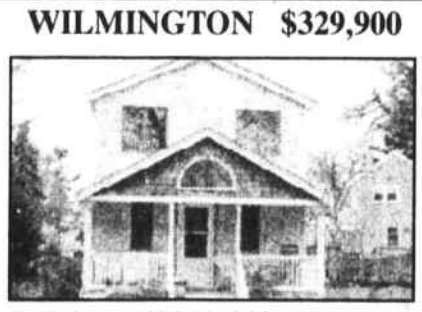
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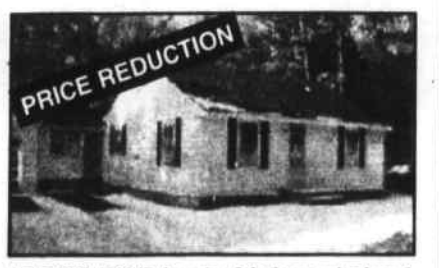

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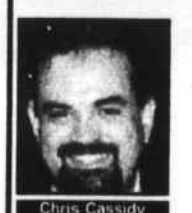
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The Tewksbury Historical Society

West School to be the focus of presentation

TEWKSBURY - The Tewksbury Historical Society will hold a membership meeting starting at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, 2004 at the Tewksbury Public Library.

A brief membership meeting to approve a revision of the Society bylaws will be followed by a 1:00 p.m. presentation on the West School.

Many Tewksbury people are unaware of the West School. Georgia Ruckledge, a Society member and former teacher at the Dewing School, will be presenting a program about the school. She has written a book about the school and will be presenting stories and facts about the school.

Several former students will accompany Mrs. Ruckledge. They will be remembering their days at the school. Mrs. Ruckledge has interviewed many former students of the school including her mother who attended the West School.

The West School was one of several squadron schools. Tewksbury's first school was the Meeting House built shortly after Tewksbury received its charter in 1734. In the 1770's, the town built schools in various neighborhoods. The original site of the school was the corner of French Street and Main Street. It was next located in the middle section of Rogers Street and last located at the corner of Whipple Road and French Street. The location is now on private property.

This presentation is the third in a series of four presentations this winter/spring.

The Historical Society is made up of people who want to preserve and celebrate Tewksbury's history.

Membership is open to all and you may join at any membership meeting.

The Society has a web site at tewksburyhistoricalsociety.org and for more information call 978-863-9989.

The next presentation will be April 29, 2004 at 7 p.m. at the Tewksbury Library.

The presentation will be about General Ames, Tewksbury's most famous Civil War veteran. Keith Rauseo, a member of the Historical Society Executive Council, will be presenting on General Ames.

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EAGLE SCOUT ANTHONY CRUPI, left, is congratulated by Senator Bruce Tarr, left, for reaching the highest rank of scouting.

Crupi soars to rank of Eagle Scout

WILMINGTON - Congratulations are in order for Wilmington resident Anthony Crupi, who recently became the 35th Eagle Scout in the 71-year history of Troop 56.

Crupi joined the Cub Scouts in 1992 as a member of Pack 361. Ever since, he has worked through all scouting ranks to receive this highest award and distinction.

Presently, Crupi is studying to become an electrician. He is currently a senior at Shawsheen Valley Technical High School. Last summer, he worked for Suburban Electric.

More than $4,000 was raised for Crupi's Eagle project from individuals and businesses in the area. With help of fellow Scouts, family and friends, land was cleared and a 20-foot by 30- foot building was erected at Camp Forty Acres. The building will be used as a nurse's station/ office. Various groups from the Wilmington community will certainly appreciate the value of the project results.

Crupi continues in Scouting as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 56.

Colon cancer awareness program is free

LOWELL - The Saints Memorial Medical Center's prevention institute is sponsoring a free Colon Cancer Awareness Program on Tuesday, April 13, 2004 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the SMMC 1st floor conference room.

Guest speakers include: Doree Barton, M.D., Gastroenterologist; Janice Storch, C.G.R.N.; and Diane Peterson, R.N., C.C.R.N.

The program will discuss:

- What is Colon Cancer? What are the risk factors? How do I screen for Colon Cancer? What are the diagnostic tests? How do I prepare for testing?

Educational materials, refreshments are raffle prizes.

To register or for more information call (978) 934-8586

Cancer Walk set for May

The 5th Annual TeamWalk for CancerCare is set for Sunday, May 16, and sponsored by Lowell General Hospital

Walking papers and team information are available at www.lowellgeneral.org. Walkers can sign up or pledge online today.

For more information visit our website or call 978-937-6434.

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Create a healthy pregnancy

On Thursday, April 15, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Lowell General Hospital Clark Auditorium, Dr. Frederick Wirth, M.D., the founder of the National Institute for Prenatal Education, will host a free forum on "prenatal parenting."

The open house will also feature personal tours of the Birthplace where you will meet our obstetricians, mother/baby nurses, and certified lactation consultants.

Registration is required as seating is limited. To register, call 978-937-6464.



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WILMINGTON - Maureen Foresteire and Ralph Newhouse, the owners of Century 21 Starwood Associates, announce that Sales Associate Karen Dame recently earned the Century 21 System's Centurion Producer Award for the third consecutive year.

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THE ODYSSEY PHANTOMS. This local Destination Imagination team showed a lot of spark at a recent competition. From left to right: Hannah Malvone, the team's mascot, who's the little gal in the lower left corner; Zach Malvone; Jaime Cummings; Katie Abell; Team Manager Kim Cummings; and Stephen McDonald. Not pictured is Team Manager Denise Abell.

Destination Imagination teams reach state finals

WILMINGTON - Wilmington Destination Imagination teams had a spectacular showing this year at the Regional Tournament at Andover High School on Saturday, March 13th.

Wilmington had two first-place finishers, The Odyssey Phantoms from the Middle School and the Heavenly Knutheads from the West Intermediate School. Both teams worked on a challenge called "The Plot and the Pendulum," in which they had to design a skit featuring two original stories which begin the same way but eventually split into different endings. They also had to invent a Plot Diverter, which is a Pendulum that signals the Pivotal Events that set the two stories in motion.

The Phantoms are coached by Kim Cummings and Denise Abell. Team members are Katie Abell, James Cummings, Zach Malvone, and Stephen McDonald. Both teams also performed brilliantly at the DI State Finals at Worcester Polytechnic Institute on Saturday, March 20. The Phantoms placed fifth in the State.

The Heavenly Knuckleheads, Paige Tonra, Melissa Tonra, Carissa Cummings, Lisa Marie Diorio, Robin Hollenbeck, Hannah Stebbins and Taylor Mirabito, also received a Spirit of DI Award in recognition of the team as superior role models in the areas of spirit, sportsmanship, and volunteerism. Team Managers are Allyson Hollenbeck and Beth Tonra.

The Fireballs, a first-year team of 1st and 2nd graders from the Woburn Street and Shawsheen Schools, were recognized with a DaVinci Award. They clearly demonstrated spirit of adventure with unique approach to the solution, risk taking, and outstanding creativity. The Fireballs are Caitlin Derrickson, Jared Walsh, Hanover Vale, Sydney Ferry, and Jacqueline Ryan. Their team was managed by Lori Ryan and Karla Ferry.

The Wilmington High School team, the Flaming Toasters, finished third in the Upbeat Improv challenge and first in their Instant Challenge, which is the portion of the program most like "Whose Line Is It, Anyway?", where teams must solve a problem which they have never seen before in eight minutes.

The other great DI teams who put in long hours working together in their limited free time from September through March are the Purple Cows of the Woburn Street and Shawsheen Schools, who finished fourth, The Brainstormers from the West Intermediate and the Middle School, and the Funky Monkeys and Psychotic Duck Tapers from the Middle School.

Thanks go to all Team Managers, the parents of team members, the School Administration for sponsoring all eight Wilmington teams, and especially to teachers Karen DiBona and Jeanne Borawski of the High School and Mr. Alan Chasse of the Middle School, who served as Appraisers (Judges) this year.

Wilmington Destination Imagination will begin a new year in the fall of 2004. For more information, please check the http://www.maom.org and http://www.destinationimagination.org/

April is Autism Awareness month

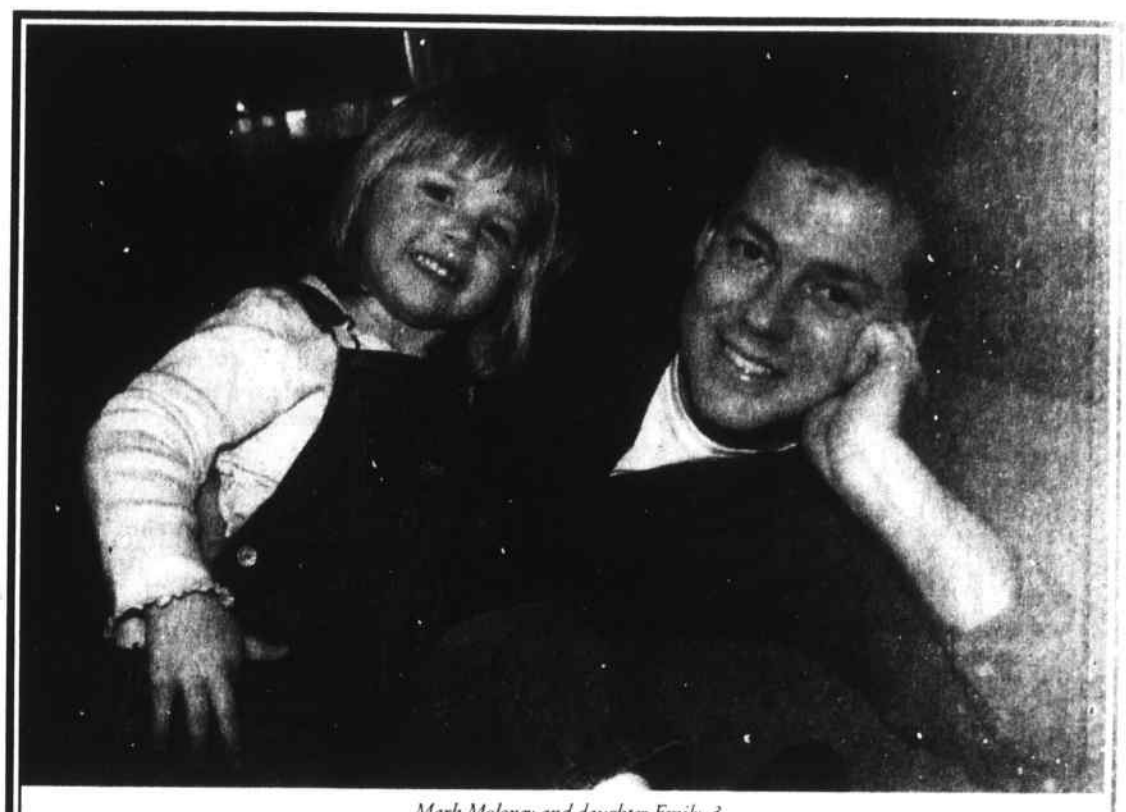
Early intervention key to treating Autism

Autism and other pervasive development disorders occur in approximately one in every 500 individuals. The number of diagnosed cases has increased dramatically in the past decade. Although there is no cure, early diagnosis and treatment have a significant impact on future progress.

Studies at the May Institute and other organizations show that children who start treatment at the earliest possible age require less intensive and restrictive services later, explains Dennis Russo, Ph.D., ABPP, chief clinical officer at the May Institute.

According to Dr. Russo, autism is a developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life. A neurological disorder that affects communication, learning, and social interaction, autism may impair a child's ability to think, feel, speak, and relate to others. Although the cause of autism has not been identified, current research links autism to biological or neurological differences in the brain. Regardless of cause, autism is best treated by educational programs based in applied behavior analysis (ABA). As doctors make progress in diagnosing autism at an earlier age, more and more children are receiving this treatment at a young age when they are most receptive.

For more information on autism, visit our website at www.mayinstitute.org.



Mark Moloney and daughter Emily, 3

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McHatton running for 2-year term on Board of Health

TEWKSBURY - Ralph McHatton is pursuing the seat for the two year term on the Board of Health. Although McHatton unsuccessfully ran for the Board of Health last year, he continues to maintain the same agenda. He believes in improving the visibility of the Board of Health and the dissemination of informational resources to again confidence from the community in response to their concerns. Since last year, the Board has revised the content of its website, yet the opportunity exists for it to do more on the same medium. McHatton feels that it's imperative that the community receives prompt notification of the agenda as well as the timely posting of minutes from past meetings.

As a resident of Tewksbury for the past seven years, Ralph supports the need to address the growing health concerns that directly impact the town. The Board can play a pivotal role to promote exercise and a healthy nutritional diet to diminish the likelihood of obesity in our children and adults preventing the potential occurrence of diabetes and heart disease. In addition, McHatton encourages the Board to associate with the schools of Tewksbury to educate children, young adults, and their parents regarding the dangerous use of cigarettes and other tobacco products as well as alcohol awareness. Likewise, he supports legislation of smoking cessation in the town's eating and drinking establishments.

Ralph McHatton graduated from Northeastern University in 1991, where he received a Bachelors of Science degree in Pharmacy. He presently serves as the Pharmacy manager at North Shore Medical Center-Union Hospital in Lynn. Throughout his daily role, McHatton maintains a strong rapport with his personnel possessing strong communication skills and listening attentively to make sound decisions to resolve any issues. As a practicing pharmacist, McHatton shares an interest in the community's knowledge of the safe storage of prescription medication and household products to prevent accidental poisoning.

Within the town, Ralph has contributed to youth soccer serving as a coach and supportive parent. Likewise, he is attentive to the present activity of the Board. As a parent to two young children, Ralph commends the Board of Health utilizing funds provided by a state grant to educate the young children of Tewksbury regarding sun safety: seeking shade for cover as well as the appropriate sunscreen and sunglasses.

As a member of the Board of Health, Ralph McHatton pledges to instill confidence in the town as a dependable and reliable representative for the community. He will present an energetic and innovative approach to those issues which are brought before the Board. Whether independently or collectively, McHatton can be held accountable for his decisions providing honest leadership to the town. Elect Ralph McHatton to the Board of Health two year term, on Saturday, April 3, 2004.



JAMMIN'. Keith Mahoney, center, and Caitlin Mahoney, right, got a lesson in rhythm from Tony Vacca, left, of World Rhythms, a hands-on program that teaches students the beats of such foreign cultures as those from West Africa and the Caribbean Islands. Vacca teaches American music too. He brought his musical abilities to Tewksbury Memorial High School for a special event held on Tuesday, March 23. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Letter to the Editor

Apology offered

Dear Editor:

I am writing to clear something up. In an earlier letter to the editor that was published on these pages, I expressed a misunderstanding as to when the Assisted Living component of the Emerald Court Development would be built. I believe that Ms. DiPalma did not lie or misrepresent any facts to the public at large concerning the development of Emerald Court. By my letter, I did not intend to impugn the credibility of Ms. DiPalma or her reputation as a developer, or Att. Rick O'Neill as her lawyer.

In closing, I would like to apologize to Ms. DiPalma for any anxiety or distress that my letter may have caused her or her family.

Robert Ferrari
East Street
Tewksbury

Kelley running for Board of Selectmen

TEWKSBURY - Bob Kelley has submitted his nomination papers for Tewksbury Selectman. Kelley is a political newcomer; having previously served on a variety of appointed Town boards and committees. He is very active as a leader of the STOMP group, which is strongly opposed to the Mills Mega-Mall plan. He has proposed a more defined process that the Town of Tewksbury should follow before being forced into making a rushed decision to rezone the large land mass along Route 93 from Residential (R40) to a new zoning district called Commercial Highway Overlay.

Kelley has lived in Tewksbury for nearly 30 years, having moved from the city, seeking a better quality of life for his family. In recent years, due to the tremendous growth in the development of the Town, he has become concerned with the enormous burden placed on our Town finances and infrastructure. He is against urban sprawl overtaking the Community.

He is a staunch advocate for preserving the character of the community and protecting our precious open space. His outspoken opposition to the Livingston Street Land Swap in 2001, resulted in legislation being filed to place over 600 acres of State Hospital land under a conservation restriction. If approved by the legislature, this beautiful land will finally be preserved for passive recreation and agricultural use and will no longer be subject to the constant threat of uncontrolled development.

Kelley has actively served the Community in a number of capacities including Youth Baseball and Hockey Coach, member of the Open Space and Recreation Committee, Vice-Chair of the Land Use Committee, Vice-Chair of the Local Housing Partnership, Associate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, member of TOXIC, and member of the Tewksbury Knights of Columbus.

A 1968 graduate of Boston College, Kelley is an experienced commercial banker having worked early in his career for the U.S.Treasury Department as a National Bank Examiner followed by the last 13 years as a Senior Credit Officer for Fleet Bank of Massachusetts. He is confident he can provide assistance in making Town Government work more efficiently and effectively. If elected, he looks forward to applying his financial skills and experience to Town finances.

Kelley is very concerned with the increase in voter apathy in the Community, as manifested by low voter turnouts at the polls and Town Meetings. He says "We need to restore confidence in our Town Government by working for the benefit of the People first and not the Special Interests". He is strongly in favor of conducting a Town-wide survey and study to determine the pulse of the Community on changes to our current form of government. Kelley also feels that we need to increase and broaden citizen involvement by recognizing and supporting those who volunteer their time and effort for the greater benefit of all.

As a Selectman, Bob Kelley promises to always be accessible to the community and accountable for his actions. He will provide strong leadership in making our government work better and smarter. He can be trusted to make informed decisions that bring balance and a level playing field for all constituents.

Progress detailed for schools' strategic plan

By Christine L. McGrath
Superintendent of Schools

This report details the mid-year progress of our school district in meeting the 2003-2004 goals of the five-year strategic plan. The Tewksbury School Committee and the Administrative Council established these goals in June 2003 during the Year-End Retreat.

The report is organized across four areas: curriculum and instruction, school and community resources and program improvement.

The curriculum and instruction area reviews the expansion of the guided reading program into grade four and the introduction of the new TERC math initiative in grade one. This section also recounts the curriculum revisions in the areas of science and social studies, our continued work in the area of standards-based instruction and the development of scoring rubrics to establish uniform criteria for reviewing and evaluating student work. The curriculum area also focuses on the needs of individual learners with the implementation of a student profile sheet and continued training in the area of special education.

Efforts in the school and community section include the completion of a booklet on Character Education for use in the elementary schools. This section reviews the continued work of the District Security Team with the publication of a Crisis Intervention Manual and training for the Security Team and area clergy on a Trauma Intervention Program.

The school resources section highlights the return of the Middle School students to the newly expanded and renovated John W. Wynn Middle School. This section also reviews the work of the short-term school space committee and the efforts of faculty, staff and administration to prepare the High School accreditation. In addition, this section addresses our efforts in the area of preventative maintenance.

The program improvement section emphasizes the analysis of students assessment data and the use of this data to improve instructional practice. This section also reviews the yearlong professional development program and the continued effort of the School Committee on the ongoing review and revision of School Committee Policies.

We are pleased to review our progress and to share this report with the members of our school district and the community. Copies may be obtained by calling the Office of the Superintendent at 978-640-7800.

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- 2001-present- Master Plan Committee Master Plan approved by 2002 Town Meeting
- Planning for pedestrian friendly "village" business centers Planning for diverse housing choices (over 55, young adults, empty nesters.)
- 2001-present- Water Resources Develop long range planning for both water conservation and safety.
- Outline development plan for waste water management in critical areas of the town to protect groundwater and enhance quality of life for vulnerable neighborhoods
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School Lunch Menu

Week of March 29
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Wildwood and Boutwell Schools

Monday - Chicken patty on roll, oven fries, seasoned veggies, chilled fruit, milk/juice, popcorn.

Tuesday - Hamburger or cheeseburger on a roll, mashed potato, buttered carrots, fruit salad cup, milk/juice, dessert.

Wednesday - Assorted cereals, ham or turkey cubes, cucumber wheels, applesauce, milk/juice, graham crackers.

Thursday - Popcorn chicken, oven french fries, seasoned veggie, milk/juice, pudding.

Friday - Pizza wedge, seasoned corn, fruit cup, milk/juice, dessert.

Wilmington Elementary

Monday - Popcorn chicken, mashed potato, steamed veggie, mixed fruit cup, milk/ juice, dessert.

Tuesday - Manager's choice, fluffy rice, vegetable of the day, orange wedges, milk/juice, juice pop.

Wednesday - Ham and cheese bagel melt, veggie sticks and dip, chilled fruit cup, milk/juice, desert cup.

Thursday - "Oven fried" chicken, mashed potato, buttered carrots, fruit cup, milk/juice, apple crisp.

Friday - Pizza wedge, steamed vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Wilmington Middle School

Monday - Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, steamed green peas, chilled mixed fruit , milk/juice, dessert.

Tuesday - Pasta with meat sauce, breadstick, seasoned green beans, chilled pears, milk/juice, dessert.

Wednesday - Chicken teriyaki dippers, fluffy rice, steamed carrots, chilled pineapple, milk/juice, dessert.

Thursday - Baked potato bar, seasoned corn, chilled peaches, milk/juice, dessert.

Friday - French bread pizza, garden salad, chilled fruit cup, milk/juice, dessert.

Wilmington High School

Monday - Steak and cheese sandwich, oven fries, steamed green beans, mandarin oranges, milk/ juice.

Tuesday - Cheese quesadilla with salsa and sour cream, seasoned rice, steamed corn, chilled peaches, milk/juice.

Wednesday - Baked potato bar, (broccoli, ham, chili, cheese, salsa, sour cream) seasoned carrots, fruit cup, milk/juice.

Thursday - Chicken pot pie, mashed potato, steamed vegetable, applesauce, milk/ juice.

Friday - Sal's pizza, garden salad, fruit cup, milk/juice.

Tewksbury Public Schools

Monday - Cup of Chix noodle soup, frankfurter on roll, oven potatoes, milk, fruited jello.

Tuesday - Chilled juice, mozzarella sticks with dipping sauce, garden salad, milk, ice cream.

Wednesday - Orange juice or punch, assorted subs, puff potatoes, veggie sticks, milk, fruit cocktail.

Thursday - Chilled juice, meatball sub with sauce, green beans, milk, pineapple chunks.

Friday - Juice or fruit, tomato and cheese pizza, (pepperoni opt.) garden salad, milk, jello.

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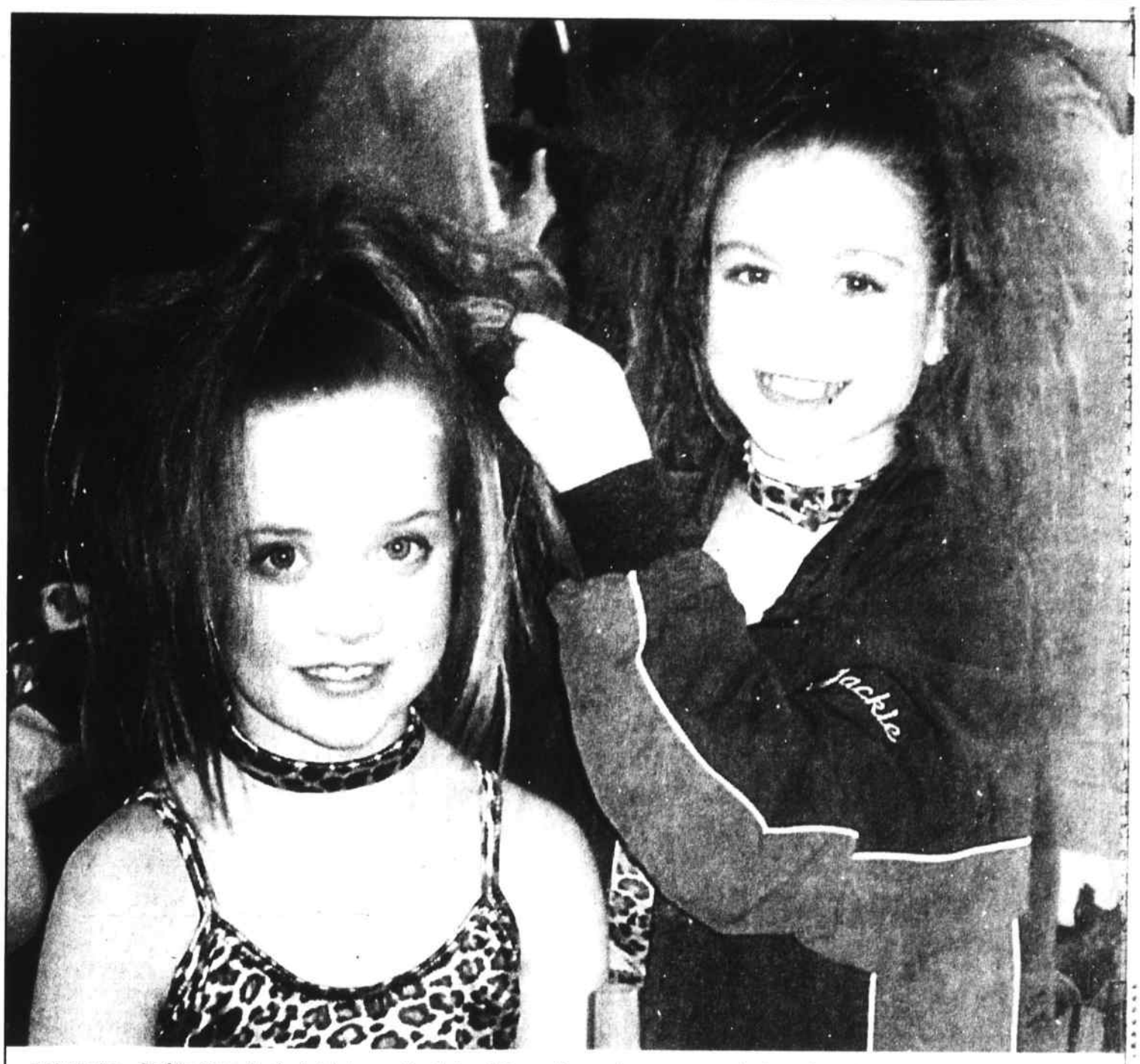
Monday - Rotini with meat sauce, green beans, salad, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Tuesday - Popcorn chicken with dipping sauce, rice-a-roni, carrots, hot roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Wednesday - Taco boat with meat and bean filling, shredded lettuce and cheese, diced tomatoes, corn, corn bread, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Thursday - Cheeseburger Macaroni bake, romano bean medley, hot roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Friday - Italian style pizza, tossed salad, garlic bread sticks, fresh and canned fruit, baked dessert, milk.



BIG HAIR. Jackie Giasullo, 9, right, teases the hair of Renee Stronach, 7, moments before she took to the stage during a competition in which Dance Expressions of Tewksbury participated last weekend. Dance Expressions won a lot of silver and gold at that event; the young dancers even brought home awards for Most Entertaining and Best Teamwork. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Piecemakers holding annual quilt show

TEWKSBURY - The Piecemakers are hosting their 16th annual quilt show at the John F. Ryan School on April 3 and 4.

The Piecemakers guarantee that you will not be disappointed. This year proves to delight everyone. They have a very special award winning lecturer, Barbara Barber, whose quilts are revealing of her inner spirit and inspirational beyond words. Her interpretation through humor and sheer beauty is her gift.

They are also showcasing antique scrap quilts by our charter member Sally Palmer Field. She delighted us last year with the President's quilts, and this year her collection is -- well – you will have to see for yourself.

There will be hourly demonstrations on both days, and there will be a free gift for you.

For more information, please call Denise Sawyer (978) 663-5371 or Norma Biggins (978) 658-6188 or visit our website at: http://members.aol.com/bebbieg/piecemakers/

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Buzzell Senior Center

Tierney will address seniors about Medicare

WILMINGTON - The Wilmington Department of Elderly Services is holding an informational meeting Monday, March 29, 2004 at 1 p.m. to educate Medicare beneficiaries about the new Medicare Drug Discount Cards which will be available in May. The program, which will be held at the Buzzell Senior Center, will cover details about the cards, what they cover, how much they cost and how they work. In addition, the meeting will discuss eligibility for the cards and assistance for low-income individuals. Seniors will need to know if these cards will save them money or if there are other cost-saving alternatives.

The Department of Elderly Services is fortunate to have two guest speakers for this event: Cheryl Gresek, a representative from Congressman Tierney's Office and Cindy Phillips the regional S.H.I.N.E. coordinator. It certainly is in your own best interest to come and learn more about this new Medicare program.

Another important presentation is on Thursday, April 1, 2004: Healthy Eating and Heart Disease- by Pam Cote, Registered Dietitian. Changing your lifestyle is very often a must when your are diagnosed with high cholesterol level or heart disease. You're not alone: estimated 52 million Americans are being treated for high cholesterol levels. This class will help you improve those levels through changes in exercise and diet. And you don't have to give up everything you love!

Cote will discuss the different types of fat, sodium's and fiber- how they affect our health, and the changes we can make to improve heart health. She will show labels, and learn how to use them, plan healthy meals and snacks, and have time left for questions and answers.

Lastly, the Buzzell Senior Center is having Candidates Day on Tuesday, April 6, 2004 at 12:30 p.m. for the Town's Election Day on April 17, 2004. This is open to the public.

Tewksbury Annual Town Election

There's still time to vote absentee

TEWKSBURY - Tewksbury Town Clerk Elizabeth Carey has prepared the following concerning absentee voting.

You may vote absentee if you are a registered voter and will be unable to vote at the polls if you will be out of town during the hours the polls are open, you have a physical disability, or if religious beliefs prevent you from voting on Saturday, April 3.

You, or your family member, must apply in writing, for an absentee ballot from the office of the Town Clerk before noon on Friday, April 2, 2004. An absentee ballot request may be mailed or hand delivered.

You may request the official absentee ballot application form or you may use any form of written communication; a letter or postcard. Include your name, your address where you are listed as a registered voter, the precise address to which you want the ballot sent, and your signature.

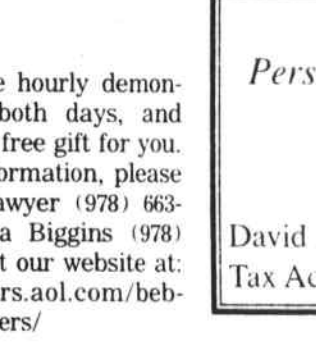
Requesting to vote by mail: A ballot will be sent to any address that you specify. Be sure to apply early because the ballot must be sent by mail. The ballot may be returned by mail or hand delivered to the Town Clerk's Office at the Town Hall. It must be received in the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall by 7 p.m. on election day.

Requesting to vote in person: The final day to request to vote in person is before noon on Friday, April 2, 2004. You may fill out the application for an absentee ballot and vote at the Town's Clerk's Office, Town Hall, during the same visit. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday evening 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please phone the Town Clerk's Office at 978-640-4355 for further assistance.

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Friends of Library hosting tours of historic homes

WILMINGTON - Spring has arrived and it is time for the Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library to host their second Wilmington House Tour on Sunday, May 2, 2004, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Seven locations will be open to visitors on the day of the tour: two homes in the newly created High Street Historic District; three locations, including an apartment unit, in the Silver Lake area; a building once known as "a superb example of Victorian Italianate architecture"; and one beautiful modern house!

Advance tickets go on sale, at $20 per ticket, beginning 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 3, 2004 at the Wilmington Memorial Library at 175 Middlesex Avenue. However, a special reduced price ticket will be available to Friends who purchase tickets between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on that day. At this time only, any Friend may purchase one House Tour ticket at a reduced price of $15 and as many regular priced tickets as desired. Regular price tickets will also be available to the general public at this time. Nonmembers are welcome to become members of the Friends on this day and will be eligible to purchase a reduced price House Tour ticket when they join before 1:00 p.m. Sorry, but due to the nature of the event, no children under the age of twelve are allowed to participate in this event.

The Masonic Hall at 32 Church Street will be open from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the tour and will serve as the tour's hospitality center, offering ticket sales ($25 for tickets purchased the day of the event), refreshments, tour information, and public restrooms.

Tickets are limited, so be sure to purchase your tickets in advance. All proceeds from this event benefit the Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library. For more information, call the library at 978-658-2967.



VISITORS FROM VACATIONLAND. A panel of guests from Skowhegan, Maine, who were involved in the HBO film "Empire Falls" entertained the local audience at the Wilmington Memorial Library recently with their anecdotes and memorable moments. Seated are Linda Boyd and Bonnie Duryea; Standing is Earl Boyd, Library Director Tina Stewart, David Huard and Helen Parnell.

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College fair scheduled for April 1

TEWKSBURY - The Tenth Annual College/Career Fair sponsored by the Tewksbury Public Schools will be held on Thursday, April 1, 2004, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of Tewksbury Memorial High School at 320 Pleasant Street in Tewksbury.

For more information, please call (978) 640-7837.

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Obituaries

Roland C. "Clayt" Audette

Former Property Administrator at Avco; 82

TEWKSBURY - Roland C. "Clayt" Audette, age 82, a former Manager for Avco, died Thursday afternoon, Mar. 18, 2004, at his Tewksbury home, following a courageous 6 month battle with cancer. He was the husband of Bernice M. (Allen) Audette, who died Aug. 9, 1998.

He was born in Burlington, Vermont, Nov. 18, 1921, a son of the late Alphonse and Mary (LeBlanc) Audette. He received his education in the Burlington school system, and moved to Milford, Conn. where he met his wife. He lived in Tewksbury from 1957 to 1987, and returned to Tewksbury in 1997 after living in Maddison, NH, for ten years.

Mr. Audette was a retired property administrator for Avco/Textron in Wilmington, and later worked for Northrop Company as a property administrator in Norwood, Mass. In his earlier years, he was bartender at the former Anchor Restaurant in Tewksbury, known to his patrons as "Lefty."

Mr. Audette was a communicant of St. William's Church, a former singer for the St. William's Minstrel Shows, and a past member of the Tewksbury Redmen Club.

He is survived by six children and their spouses, Roland Jr.,



and his wife Carol D'Allessandro) of Maddison, NH, Dennis and his wife Dorothy (Brennan) of Tewksbury, with whom he made his home, Scott and his wife Karen (Klimarchuk) of Wilmington, Patricia and her husband Glen Taylor of Manchester, NH, Tracy Audette of Bradenton, FL, Alicia and her husband John Lovering of Laconia, NH; sixteen grandchildren, six great grandchildren; and a dear friend, Evelyn Larry of Clearwater, FL.

His funeral was held Monday, Mar. 22, at 9:00 a.m. from the Tewksbury Funeral Hme, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 or 978) 851-2950. Funeral Mass Monday at 10:00 a.m. in St. William's Church, 1351 Main St. (Rte 38) Tewksbury. Visiting hours were Sunday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the funeral home. Interment in St. Mary's cemetery, No. Tewksbury. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Greater Lowell, V.N.A. Hospice, P.O. 1965, Lowell, MA 01852, will be appreciated. www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com

Jean M. Boudreau

Export manager for Bandwagon Company

WILMINGTON - Mrs. Jean M (Hanlon) Boudreau, of Wilmington, died on her 75th birthday, March 21, 2004, following a brave battle with cancer.

Mrs. Boudreau was born in Boston, MA. She was the daughter of the late Frederick J. & Mary Agnes (McAvoy) Hanlon. She was raised in Arlington, MA, attended St. Agnes School and graduated from Mount Trinity High School in Watertown.

Jean has been a resident of Wilmington for 37 years.

Prior to retirement, she was an export manager for the Bandwagon Company in Wilmington for 16 years.

Jean had several hobbies including reading, knitting for her family, traveling, she loved to summer in Chatham and in later years she and her husband, Larry, wintered in Florida.

Jean is survived by her husband of 52 years John L. "Larry" Boudreau, her children Paul L. and his wife Karen Boudreau, of Wilmington, Mark E Boudreau, formerly of Wilmington, Sharon J. and her husband Bob Despres, formerly of Wilmington, her grandchildren, Ryan, Courtney & Patrick Boudreau, and Cameron & Danielle Despres, her brothers & sister, Robert F. Hanlon or Peabody, Donald R. Hanlon of Jacksonville, FL and Priscilla A. Johnson of Woburn. She was also the sister of the late Barbara J. MacDonald. Jean was also the special aunt to Donna M. Southard of Woburn.

Her funeral will be held from the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m., followed by a funeral mass at St. Thomas Church at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours will be held Wednesday evening from4 - 8 p.m.

Memorial donations in Jean's name may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Edward D. MacDonald

U.S.M.C. Veteran of WW2 and Korean War; 75

TEWKSBURY - Edward D. MacDonald, age 75, a USMC Veteran of two wars, died Thursday, Mar. 18, 2004, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in West Roxbury, after a lengthy illness. He was the husband of Shirley M. (Booth)(Mackey) MacDonald, with whom he would have celebrated a 27th wedding anniversary on June 17th.

He was born in Brighton, June 17, 1928, a son of the late Daniel E. and Alice (Hillier) MacDonald. He was raised in Brighton and graduated from St. Columbkille High School in Brighton.

He enlisted into the USMC, and served in the Asiatic Pacific, China Theaters during WW2. Later he served in the European and Mediterranean Theaters during the Korean War.

He was employed as a meat cutter at DeMoulas/Market Basket and later at Tewksbury Hospital.

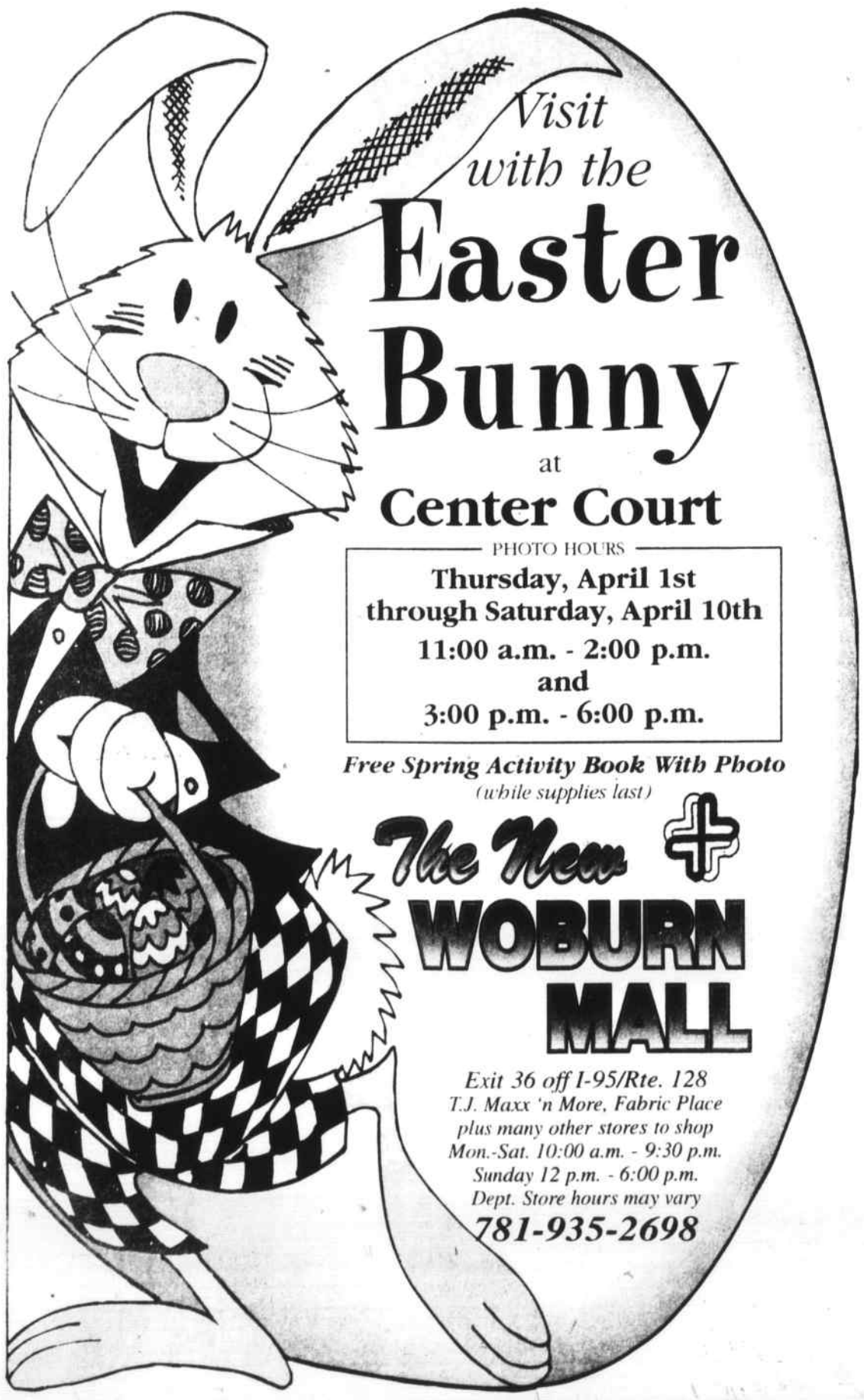
He was also a member of the Tewksbury-Wilmington Elks Lodge # 2070.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Edward and



his wife Colleen MacDonald of PA; a daughter and son-in-law, Maureen and her husband Dewey Mann of Salisbury Beach, NH; six step children, James Mackey of NV, Robert and his wife Debra Mackey of Hudson, NH, Michael and his wife Debra Mackey of Methuen, Diane Mackey of Lowell, Donna Mackey of Tewksbury, Maureen Mackey of Lowell; two brothers, Robert MacDonald of Lowell, Richard MacDonald and his wife Karen of Bow, NH; a sister, Helen MacDonald of Framingham; 14 grandchildren; and 3 great grandchildren.

His funeral was Monday, Mar. 22, at 11:00 a.m. from the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 or 978) 851-2950. Funeral Mass Monday at 12:00 Noon in St. William's Church, 1351 Main St. (Rte 38) Tewksbury. Visiting hours were Sunday 5 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home. Following cremation, private burial will be at Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. In lieu of flowers, memorials to: Support PVA (Paralyzed Veterans Association) Attn: Tabatha Anderson, 801 18th Street, NW Washington, DC 20006, will be appreciated. www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com



SOCIAL NEWS



Art Bureau named Salesman of the Year

Warm congratulations go out to the 2003 Northland Salesman of the Year Award recipient, Arthur Bureau. Arthur has been with Northland for 28 years, and has captured the Salesman of the Year award on multiple occasions. Indeed, Arthur is no stranger to success or achieving excellence. Through multiple territory changes, he has always delivered professionalism and consistency. This year, Arthur has given Nitco exceptional market share in both the Middlesex and Suffolk counties. His tenacity, knowledge, and productivity have garnered Arthur this much sought after award. The Salesman Dinner Awards ceremony took place January 29th, 2004 at the Colonial Hilton in Lynnfield. Bob Porter and Merl Sutherland were also recognized as outstanding contributors to the overall sales effort. Northland Industrial is a materials handling solutions provider servicing organizations throughout the New England area.

Births

LOHRMAN: Steven and Karen Lohrman (Travers) of Woburn are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Paige Ann, born at the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston on March 6, 2004. Grandparents include William and Susan Lohrman of Wilmington, MA., Paul and Veronica Travers of Nashua, NH., and the late Judith Travers of Woburn, MA. Great grandparents are Patrick and Viola Spinazola of Wilmington, MA., Charlie and Beverly Banks of Woburn, Ma., and Eleanor Travers of Woburn.

McGLOUGHLIN: Catherine and William G. McGloughlin III, of Wilmington, announce the birth of their son William Donald born on March 2, 2004 at Beverly Hospital. William is the sister of Victoria Elizabeth. Grandparents include Elizabeth and Russell Hodgkins of Essex, Ma., Donald and Charleen Kelleher of Northport, Fla., and the late Joan E. Clinton and William G. McGloughlin II.

Tewksbury resident named Student Employee of the Year at Regis College

WESTON, MA - Regis College senior Camille McNeil was voted Student Employee of the Year 2004 for her dedication and contributions to the school. McNeil, a Tewksbury resident, works in the Development Office at Regis. A graduate if Littleton Junior Senior High School, she is a senior communications major and a Dean's List student. McNeil has also played softball for the Pride.

The student Employee of the Year award is an honor bestowed upon a Regis College student employee who demonstrates extraordinary excellence in the areas of reliability, initiative, quality of work, disposition, and contribution to employer. This year, the Regis College Student Employee of the Year will automatically be nominated for State and Regional Selections. Regis College will be celebrating Student Employee Appreciation Week, a time for giving thanks for each of our student employees as a community, from April 11-17.

Shawsheen Tech Class of '84 to hold reunion

Shawsheen Tech's Class of 1984 is holding their 20th Reunion.

The reunion will be held Saturday August 14th, 2004 at the Westford Regency in Westford, MA, from 6 pm to midnight.

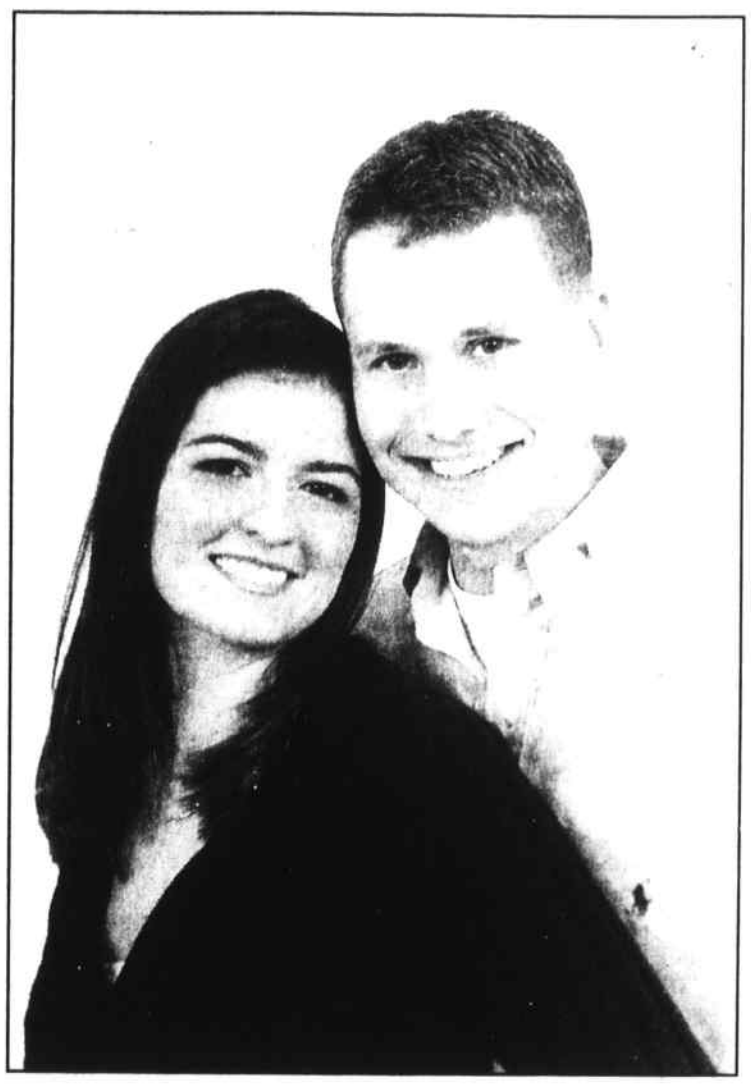
Please contact: Gail (Mackey) Deackoff at (978) 851-7521 or Lisa Whitney Monteforte (978) 658-1866.

They are looking forward to seeing you all again.

Raval makes Dean's List

Emmanuel College in Boston announced Forum M. Raval of Wilmington as a Dean's List recipient for the fall semester of 2003.

Emmanuel is a private co-educational college founded in 1919 by the Sisters of Notre Dame der Namur. Emmanuel's liberal arts and sciences education prepares men and women with the skills to succeed in tomorrow's world and the social conscience to make a difference in that world. The college is a 17-acre campus located in the heart of Boston's cultural, medical and educational communities.



Amy Sivak to wed Gregory Anderson

George and Donna Sivak of Stratford, Connecticut, announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Sivak, to Gregory Anderson, the son of Peter and Louise Anderson, of Wilmington.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Boston University in 2002 with a BA in psychology. She was also pre-med and will be continuing on to nursing school. She is employed as a teacher at Wonder Years Learning Center in Wilmington.

Mr. Anderson graduated from Boston University in 2001 with a BS in journalism. He is employed as a writer/reporter and accountant for the Daily Times Chronicle in Reading.

A June 2004 wedding is planned.

Siraco makes honor roll

ANDOVER, MA - Phillips Academy has announced Alessandra E. Siraco, daughter of Michael and Maria Siraco of Tewksbury as an honor roll member for the winter term. To be named to honor roll, students must maintain at least a 5-point average on a 6-point scale.

Heath Brook School announces honor roll

TEWKSBURY - Pauline King, Principal of the Heath Brook School has announced the 4th grade students named to Honor Roll for the third quarter.

High Honors
Grace Carew
Nora Chan
Aileen Frotten
Alyssa Guida
Keon Horahan
Christopher Illsley
Haley Malone
Elizabeth McVey
Denali Murphy
Zachary Sullivan
Alan Szmyt
Joseph Towers

Honor Roll
Cameron Ahearn
Jessie Bissett
Elizabeth Bonyman
Christopher Boyages
Matthew Brady
Joseph Camilo
Allison Castiglione
Francesco Catizone
Nora Chan
Michael Christie
Michael D'Agostino
Heather DeLucia
Anthony DiGiorgio
Michael DiGiorgio
Jared Doherty
Courtney Downing
Nicole Dunlevy
James Farlev
Tyler Flammia
Justin Fortier
Ryan Frautten
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Francesca Pesantes
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Patrick Quinn
Matthew Rauseo
Marissa Reese
Richard Silk
Kasey Taylor



ANNUAL WILMINGTON RABIES CLINIC

The Wilmington Board of Health's Annual Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, April 3rd from 12 Noon to 2 p.m. at the Public Buildings Department (formerly the location of the fire station on Church Street). Wilmington residents only. Dogs should be on a leash and Cats in a carrier. Cost $5.00

Joan Brown honored by Realty Executives at New England Regional meeting

Linda Covino, Broker/Owner of Realty Executives Northeast located in Wilmington, congratulates Joan Brown, Senior Realtor Estate Specialist honored at the Realty Executives on New England Regional awards conference in Hyannis on March 5, 2004. Bill Powers, CEO of Realty Executives International presents Joan with her 100% award recognizing her as one of the top 10% Realty Executives Agents in New England with over 11,000 agents and 620 offices. Experience Excellence the difference between an executive and an agent. For more information on becoming an executive contact Linda Covino at 978-657-7010.

Honors at Merrimack College

Merrimack College recently announced those students named to the college's Fall 2003 Dean's List. To be named to the Dean's List, a student achieve a minimum of 3.25 grade point average based on a 4.0 grading system.

Wilmington
Erica Bukowski
Laura Bradbury
Lindsay Bruno
Jillian Cavanaugh
Kelly Cavanaugh
Robert Hayes
Patrick Haffernan
Matthew Minghella
Stefanie Sordillo

Flower demonstration to be held at St. Dorothy's Sodality

The Ladies Sodality are hosting a flower demonstration to be presented by Cindy Mattson from Given's Flower Shop in Burlington. It will be held at St. Dorothy's Church in Wilmington on April 15th, 2004 at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Syracuse University honors local students

The following students were recently honored at the Programs Rooted in Developing Excellence (PRIDE) Program for academic and leadership excellence in the L. C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science at Syracuse University. The PRIDE program challenges and supports students with experiences and opportunities that will ensure their success well beyond the Syracuse University Campus. Area residents honored for academic excellence at Syracuse University are:

Brendan Corbin of Tewksbury, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering.

Danielle Smolinsky of Tewksbury, a freshman majoring in civil engineering

Mary Sarich of Wilmington, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering.

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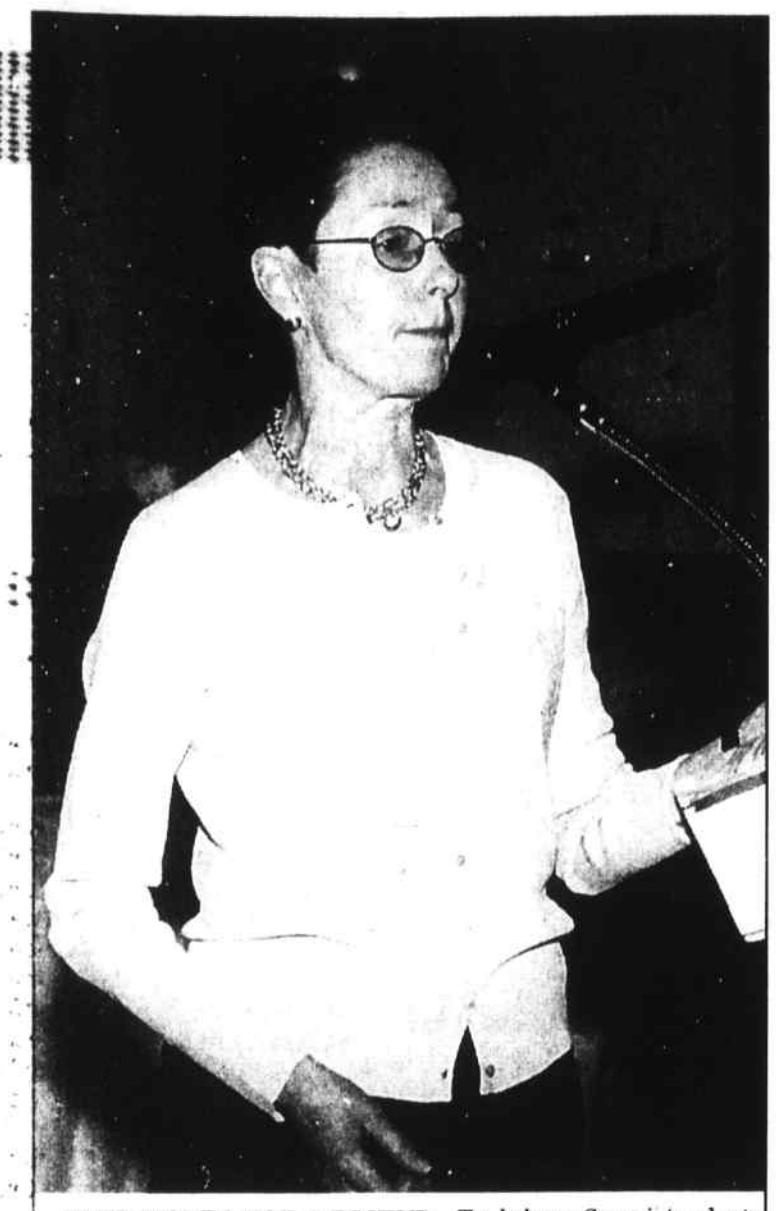


Jenna Sullivan

Jenna is the 4 year old daughter of John and Cheryl Sullivan, she enjoys dancing, playing with Polly Pockets and playing with her new puppy Colby!

Congratulations Jenna

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KIND WORDS FOR A FRIEND. Tewksbury Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine McGrath was one of many friends of Ed Dick who toasted the retiring School Committee member during his appreciation dinner at the Longmeadow Golf Club in Lowell on Friday, March 19. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

In his own words . . .

Circus Man "Bill Crawford" soaked up life under the Big Top: Part IV

EDITOR'S NOTE: The first three parts of this multi-chaptered feature story appeared in previous editions of the Town Crier. With this fourth installment, we continue the verbatim-quoted story-telling of William D. Stevens, who lived long ago on Woburn Street in Wilmington and was known in the circus world as "Bill Crawford." What follows first appeared as it was written by Paul Emmons and published in the Wilmington Crusader in 1954.

". . . I knew a side show ticket seller in a big circus making a good salary but getting three times his salary simply by selling a ten-cent ticket and then handing back a quarter, four nickels and two dimes as the change out of a dollar for the ten-cent ticket. There was something about that particular combination which seemed to satisfy the customer, and he hardly ever noticed that he was short a quarter.

"He'd be in a hurry to get a good seat. If he noticed his loss and turned back, the ticket seller would push a quarter toward him.

"There, brother - there's your two bits lying right there on the counter. You forgot to take it.'

"Almost invariably he'd fall for the gag, forgetting that he hadn't picked up his change off the counter anyway.

"It was known as the 65-35 game. On a sale of $300 to $400 worth of tickets, it ran into big money.

"Oh, well, who says the world isn't getting better? Those days are pretty much in the past.

"Even then, the grifters sometimes had the tables turned on them. In this way.

"If it was a rail show, they generally had their own special car attached to the train. That's where they had their big games.

"The small frys were always trimmed on the circus lot. But if any big fish wanted to stake a good-sized roll, he was taken down to the railroad yard. There, in the grifter's special, they'd always have some tin horn sports to make him welcome and give him a whirl at stud, fargo or anything he wanted. That was one reason for the grifters all herding by themselves into one car, the pie car.

"We'll say the circus proprietor had managed to pay up what he owed them at the start of the season, and wanted to get rid of them. He'd have their car placed at the rear of the train. Then, first time he was going to make a long jump, say 150 miles or so, he'd tip somebody off to uncouple the car right after the train started.

"The grifters would be left flat on the rails. Before they could hitch onto something else and get to the new location, the proprietor had tipped off the authorities to run 'em out of town as fast as they showed up.

"I've known this to happen.

"I was with quite a few circuses, first and last. With Gollmar Bros., for one. They operated out of Baraboo, Wisconsin, which was the headquarters of the Ringling Bros. in the old days, and these people were their cousins. They had a rail show which once got smashed up, according to the newspaper accounts, as follows:

"The special Lake Erie and Western train carrying the Gollmar Circus was wrecked at Kempton, Ind. May 7, by a pole suspended underneath one of the cars. The pole came loose and caught in a switch frog, throwing four cars down an embankment and wrecking a car containing eight employees, three elephants and five camels. The employees were severely injured. The four cars which derailed contained animals, none of which escaped, though some were injured. The train was running at about 25 m.p.h.

"Then there was the old L. W. Washburn Circus. They operated all though this country and Canada. The last season I was with them, we went from Halifax, N.S. to Crow's Nest in Alberta, which was as far west as the railroad ran. I've always remembered one funny incident connected with that trip.

"In Halifax, we picked up two English vaudeville artists who were stranded, and added them to the show. They were regular Limehouse cockneys, and had never been to the United States.

"The going was tough. There was a boom in wheat, and we had expected to cut in on the velvet. Instead of that, it worked the other way.

"The Canadian farmers never before had got such a high price for their wheat. Consequence was, they were too busy harvesting it and getting it to market to bother with circuses. About every stand we played cost us money.

"It was very disappointing. We tried to cheer ourselves up by saying, 'Oh, wait until we get back to God's own country. Everything will be all right then.'

"It became a by-word. 'Wait until we get back to God's own country.'

"Well, when we reached Crow's Nest, we turned south and crossed the line into God's own country. The first town we struck, the cops jumped us, ran 50 or 60 into court, and had 'em fined.

"I'm not telling what for, and I wasn't in it, anyway.

"Personally, I've never had to say, 'Good morning, Judge,' yet. Never got beyond the sergeant's desk. Always had an alibi, or a whereas, or a so and so.

"The next morning, we pulled out. The two Limeys were up in the front end of the car, giving us the Bronx cheer.

"I sye, Jock, What a wonderful country this is; Gawd's own country! Boo-oo-ooo!'

"Yis, 'Arry, ain't Gawd's own country a marvel-l-ous country! Blah-ah-ah!'

"Some of the crowd wanted to mob them, but the rest of us only laughed.

"Well, we didn't fare much better in the U.S. than we did in Canada. Not for lack of blowing our own horn. We did that fine.

"Our bill posters would make your eyes stick out. Washburn, as a matter of fact, ran more than one show, but combined all his advertising in one hand bill. You might think it all applied to the show you were going to see, and believe it or not.

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"Well, that was good ballyhoo stuff, but it didn't get us anywhere. The farmers in the old USA were just as busy harvesting wheat as their Canadian cousins.

"The show finally folded up in Yankton, S.D. I beat my way back to Boston on freights and cattle trains, hiding in cabooses and kangaroo pouches to duck any brass-bound slewfoots who might be too curious on what it was all about.

"The railroads were getting stricter. Just to show you what I mean, I'll relate a little incident which happened to me back in the real horse-and-buggy days.

"As you can readily perceive by this time, a showman's life wasn't all beer and skittles. It was a school of hard knocks, as I've already said.

"This time it was a little fly-by-night show operating out of Cohoes, N.Y., a suburb of Albany.

"Ledell's Vaudeville Under Canvas.

"He had assembled some pretty good features. The best was Tom Heflin, the original one-legged dancer, whom Keith afterwards pensioned off. But Ledell was afflicted with an insufficiency of bankroll, and in the first town we played, we had to compete with a strawberry festival and didn't make expenses.

"We went back to Cohoes. The money promised by a backer didn't come through. The show folded up, leaving us stranded.

"I was living with my first wife at that time, and she was a business woman. When I brought any money home, she turned up her nose. When I didn't bring any home, she turned up something else. So I didn't want to go back just then.

"The boss canvas man (who also doubled as a parachute jumper) had a bright idea.

"He said to me, 'Got any money?'

"A little.'

"As a matter of fact, I had just about enough to carry me back to Boston, but wanted to build up a surplus if possible.

"What d'ye say if I go in town and get some of the merchants to hire us to billboard the fences out throughout the country around here?'

"I agreed. Any job looked good to me.

"He lined up three or four merchants. We hired a horse and carriage and went to it.

"It was rail-fence country, but some of the rails were generally wide, vertical boards. I slapped on the yellow ochre, and he lettered over it, free-hand, 'Do you wear pants? Get them from so and so. Do you need furniture? Buy it from Horn and Hardart . . .'

"We could run off a lot of signs like this in an hour. At the end of a few days, we had about $60 or $70 apiece coming to us, and we returned to Cohoes. Next day Dan took a checker-up for the merchants out to see what we had done.

"I didn't bother with that, as I was tired. I had bought the paint and the feed for the horse. That night I blew what little I had left. Didn't get in until about 2 a.m., and slept until nearly noon the next day.

"When I came downstairs I couldn't find Dan. The landlady told me, 'He said not to disturb you, to let you sleep.'

"Very kind of him, but I wanted to locate him. I hunted the whole town. No Dan.

"Finally, I got wise. While was pounding my ear, that slicker had collected our pay and beat it!

"I packed up and went down to the railroad station.

"Actor. Strapped. Want transportation back to Boston.'

"Where's your trunk?'

"On the platform.'

"Here's your ticket.'

"Imagine a railroad doing that now! But they did in those days, and carried me back to Boston.

"I forget how I promoted the money to get my trunk out of hock, but it was somewhere up around Howard Street. I also forget what my wife said to me, which seems strange, for that usually made an impression.

"Speaking of women, I had an act once which paid me pretty well, and which centered about a woman. It was called 'Lunette.' The newspaper accounts played it up as follows:

"These are the words of a Harvard occulist who on Saturday last witnessed the performance of Lunette at the Boston Theater: 'I must confess I am at a loss to know how her great feat was accomplished. The act was pleasing, mystifying, and deserving of high praise, whatever the methods employed.'

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Stay tuned. The fifth chapter of Bill Crawford's recollection of his circus days will continue in next week's edition of the Town Crier . . .

WCTV scholarship applications available

WILMINGTON - Graduating high school students pursuing a career in communications are invited to apply for a WCTV Scholarship.

Two $750 scholarships will be awarded to two graduating high school students who intend to continue their education in communications field.

Applications are available in the Guidance Departments at Wilmington High School and Shawsheen Tech. You may call WCTV directly for an application and instructions.

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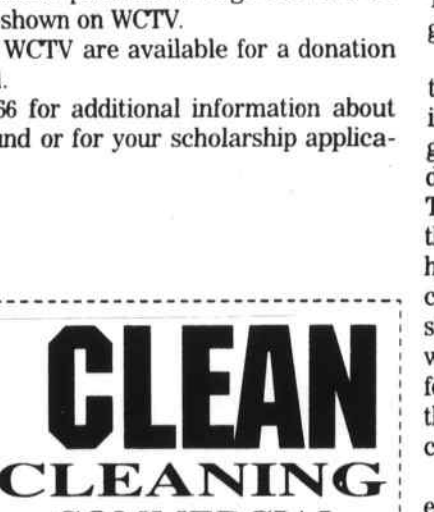
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Principal chosen for North Street School

By STEPHEN BJORK

TEWKSBURY - The screening committee charged with selecting a new principal for the North Street Elementary School has successfully completed its task.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Christine McGrath and the Tewksbury School System are proud to announce that Kristan Rodriguez has been named to succeed Principal Ralph J. Natola, who is retiring in June.

Rodriguez is currently working as the Assistant Principal of the Milton L. Fuller School in Gloucester. She holds a Bachelor's Degree from Boston University, a Master's Degree from Gordon College, and is presently engaged in the dissertation stage of acquiring a Ph.D from Boston College. She holds a current state license as an elementary school principal.

The team began the principal search with between 24 and 26 resumes, according to Edward Dick, who is acting as the School Committee's representative to the screening committee.

From those resumes, the screening committee identified 8 candidates to interview. From those interviews, 3 finalists were determined and subsequently presented to McGrath.

Dick was very impressed with all thee of the candidates the screening committee passed on to McGrath and felt that the school system would have been well served with any one of them. McGrath was similarly impressed with the candidates.

During the final interview phase, one candidate withdrew after receiving an offer for a principal position within the school system for which he/she has been employed for a number of years.

With two candidates remaining, McGrath chose Rodriguez.

"She brings a tremendous amount of enthusiasm to the position," said McGrath. "Everyone who met her was impressed with her communications skills and her knowledge of her field."

Dick agreed and was pleased that the School Committee was given an opportunity to meet with her prior to the appointment.

"She is a very capable individual with an impressive resume," Dick said. "She will be an asset to the Tewksbury School System."

Rodriguez will begin as principal once Natola retires in June.

Natola came to the Tewksbury School System 6 years ago from the Boston Public School System and has served in his present role since.

"He's done a very nice job," McGrath said. "He's worked very hard and is a valued member of the administrative team."

The 6-person screening committee was formed in accordance with School Committee regulations to review resumes and to choose finalists to be interviewed by Dr. McGrath.

The school system's Business Manager, John Quinn, and Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Loreen Bradley, were joined on the committee by two other school system employees and a community member. The screening committee was chaired, in a non-voting role, by Dick.

McGrath had advised the committee that ideal candidates would possess two separate, but equally important, skills. Ideal candidates would be instructional leaders with strong aptitude in curriculum development and would have the abilities to supervise and evaluate faculty, assess student development, and make use of student assessments to improve instruction to create a healthy school culture.

The second skill required of ideal candidates involved the operational side of the job. Aptitude for budget development and the supervision of support personnel fell into the second category. Implementing School Committee policies, maintaining an atmosphere of student safety attained through the implementation of an effective set of disciplinary guidelines and attention to following safety procedures also fell into the operational side of the position.

Along with those two specific sets of skills, McGrath demanded excellent written and verbal communication in any candidates selected by the screening committee.

As part of the final interview process, McGrath visited each finalist's home school and had each finalist visit the North Street School.

The School Committee does not act as an official decision-making body in this hiring process, pursuant with state law, but McGrath included them and values the input of its members.

"I always consider the School Committee's opinion," McGrath said. "They reflect the thoughts and opinions of the people in our community."



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Proposed mall in South tewksbury

Mills Committee reports its findings

By STEPHEN BJORK

TEWKSBURY - The Board of Selectmen accepted the official report of the Mills Study Committee during its meeting on Tuesday, March 23.

A public hearing will be scheduled, most likely during the weeks of April 12 or April 26, to discuss the report and to receive public comment. It is likely, due to the large public interest in the proposal, that the public hearing will be scheduled for a location more able to accommodate a large group of people than Town Hall. The Tewksbury Memorial High School Auditorium is one location that has been suggested.

The committee's report is made up of roughly 100 pages, including a front narrative of 10 to 12 pages, describing the process undertaken and the work performed throughout the duration of the committee's existence. The narrative is followed by submittals by the proponent and town-initiated peer reviews of the proponent's findings.

"The committee did what the Board of Selectmen asked it to do and submitted a report which is a basis for the residents of Tewksbury to make a decision," said Committee Chairman Raymond Shaw.

Selectman Douglas Sears also served on the committee and spoke critically of the document, describing it as self-serving and not very helpful. Included in the report is a two-page letter from Sears outlining suggestions to be made to the development agreement between the town and Mills.

Sears was also critical about the fact that the traffic peer review performed by Paul Hajec of Hajec Associates was included in the report.

Hajec had been terminated by the town on the basis of a conflict of interest after it had been revealed that he appeared before Wilmington's Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Merrimack Valley Economic Council (MVEC), endorsing the Mills Corporation's interchange alternative and receiving payment from the MVEC for that appearance.

Shaw defends the inclusion of Hajec's initial work, stating that, despite the subsequent termination based on ethics, it was accurate.

"Mr. Hajec made an error in professional judgement, but we brought in a second peer reviewer who agreed that the 5th alternative was the best option," said Shaw. "The traffic numbers that Mills presented have held up under scrutiny."

The activist group STOMP submitted a peer review of traffic to the Board of Selectmen, asking that it too be considered.

STOMP engaged the services of Howard, Stein-Hudson Associates to perform the review.

Last week, the group attempted to present the same information to the Mills Study Committee, but due to the late season snowstorm, traffic engineer Guy Busa was not able to attend the meeting as had been planned. STOMP submitted an informal summary of Busa's findings on that night and submitted Busa's formal report, which does run counter to Mills's traffic study on several aspects, to the selectmen.

Opponents to the mall proposal were upset that no minority opinion was included in the report submitted to the selectmen and that no public input was allowed during the final Mills Study Committee meeting.

Despite the criticism, Shaw is proud of the work that his committee performed.

"Enough information has been presented over the last six months for residents to make an informed decision about whether or not they want a mall in south Tewksbury," Shaw said.

Residents will have the opportunity to make that choice in a Special Town Meeting to be held on May 4, 2004 at the Tewksbury Memorial High School at 7 p.m.

Woburn hoping to re-open New Boston Street Bridge

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impacts on the area as a whole and particularly on the adjoining community of Wilmington," Corey told Curran in a memo provided to Wilmington selectmen. "There will in fact be beneficial impacts on the overall Industrial area with multiple paths being provided for local and regional traffic alike."

Such an assertion will likely be examined more closely when the Wilmington Board of Selectmen holds a special hearing during its meeting on Monday, April 26. On Monday night, the board was entirely receptive to the idea of reopening the bridge but wanted to schedule a hearing so that residents in both towns can make known their support or opposition in regard to the project.

Selectman Robert Palmer was the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works (DPW) during Woburn's previous efforts to reopen the bridge. When he served in that capacity, Palmer opposed the idea because of the impact it could have on traffic in Wilmington.

In 2001, however, the new ramp opened that runs from Route 93 to Commerce Way in Woburn. That ramp has done much to mitigate traffic since, so Palmer felt free on Monday night to finally offer his support for the reopening of the New Boston Street Bridge.

It was Selectwoman Suzanne Sullivan who first suggested that a public hearing be held. Chairman Michael McCoy and Selectman Frank West echoed Sullivan's idea.

Planning and Conservation Director Lynn Duncan, DPW Superintendent Donald Onusseit and Water and Sewer Department Superintendent Michael Woods have met repeatedly with Woburn officials in regard to the project. All three attended Monday's meeting and spoke favorably of reopening the bridge.

Onusseit, in particular, thought that the New Boston Street Bridge would provide a benefit in moving truck traffic out of the area. Duncan, for one, said that she would support reopening the bridge, which she felt would not be a detriment but instead would be an added option for motorists.

At the meeting, the selectmen had a letter from Wilmington Fire Chief Daniel Stewart, who supports reopening the bridge.

"It would improve public safety vehicle responses between Wilmington and Woburn," Chief Stewart stated in his letter.

Selectman West requested that Wilmington Police Chief Bernard Nally submit his opinion on the matter to the board before the public hearing on April 26.

Curran respected the board's wish to hold the public meeting and assured selectmen that he would attend that night.

"If you look at the overall proposal, it makes a lot of sense," he told the board.

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McCoy urges selectmen to fire town counsel

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were not met.

"His response threw me for a loop," McCoy said. "I didn't appreciate that comment. However, I kept silent and chose to support his request because I took him at his word."

McCoy, who owns Michael's Place on Lowell Street, has had very few employees issue such an ultimatum at his own business. On such occasions, McCoy would advise his employees to leave his restaurant. Selectman Palmer urged his colleagues on the board to take that exact approach with DeRensis last December. On Monday night McCoy noted that he was tempted to agree with Palmer, but he instead chose to give DeRensis the benefit of the doubt.

"I wanted to give him the benefit of the doubt, relative to his restructure, and now I realize that it was a mistake," McCoy said. "As chairman, I believe we should act now before it's too late. We should cut our losses now."

McCoy has contacted Leonard Kopelman of the law firm of Kopelman and Paige in regard to Wilmington's current situation. According to McCoy, Kopelman has agreed to sign on as Wilmington's town counsel as of April 30, 2004 for a flat fee of $7,500 a month for the months of April, May, and June. Additionally, according to McCoy, Kopelman agreed to accept the position of Town Counsel for fiscal year 2005, which begins on July 1, 2005, at Wilmington's previous budget of $132,800.

According to McCoy, Kopelman assured him that his firm would meet with the Board of Selectmen if any of the town's legal cases, such as those pertaining to the Olin Chemical Corporation or the Maple Meadow Landfill, took on a life of its own. Kopelman stated that his firm would formally detail such a problem and request that the board take the matter to a town meeting to pursue special funds for such a particular case.

"The total cost for 15 months of full legal services to the town of Wilmington will be $155,300," McCoy noted.

On the most part, Palmer agreed with McCoy.

"That's what I've been saying since December," Palmer stated. "Now it's coming home to roost. We knew then, at least I knew, that we were going to have a problem with finances."

Palmer was concerned, however, that the selectmen might be opening the town up to a legal suit if they were to cancel the current contract. McCoy's suggested that if DeRensis was able to walk away in December, so then could the town.

Selectman Raymond Lepore felt that legal bills were indeed getting out of hand, but that the board should provide DeRensis with the opportunity to agree to the town's terms before dismissing him. He also publicly offered credit to Palmer for his foresight in the matter.

West was not ready to make a vote without a written guarantee from Kopelman and Paige.

"I don't see a contract in front of me," West said.

West recommended, in line with Lepore, that the board hold an emergency meeting with DeRensis.

"I don't want to see us flipping from town counsel to town counsel to town counsel," West said. "I wanted a town counsel that the town of Wilmington could work with for the long haul, and I think that that is the town counsel we have by the quality of the work that they have performed."

According to West, DeRensis's firm has cleaned up some older issues and is currently working on some major cases. West placed significant blame for the high legal bills on the transition between former Town Counsel Michael Newhouse and DeRensis. No itemizations outwardly pertaining to the transition, however, appear on the December or January bills.

West also wanted the minutes from executive sessions dealing with the renegotiation of the town counsel agreement to be released, so that the board could discuss those negotiations publicly.

Selectwoman Suzanne Sullivan agreed with West. She was not ready to cast a vote against DeRensis.

"I'm very concerned by the trend also, but I'm not ready to abandon ship just yet," Sullivan said. "We should sit down with Town Counsel before making any harsh decisions."

The general consensus of the board was that McCoy's motion to dismiss DeRensis and employ Kopelman and Paige in a single vote was too aggressive. The motion failed 4 to 1, with McCoy as the lone supporter.

The board agreed, instead, to meet with DeRensis in executive session on Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m.

"I think that anybody sitting at this table will be hard pressed to go with a methodology including billable hours," McCoy said. "It's a big mistake and I am admitting that right now."

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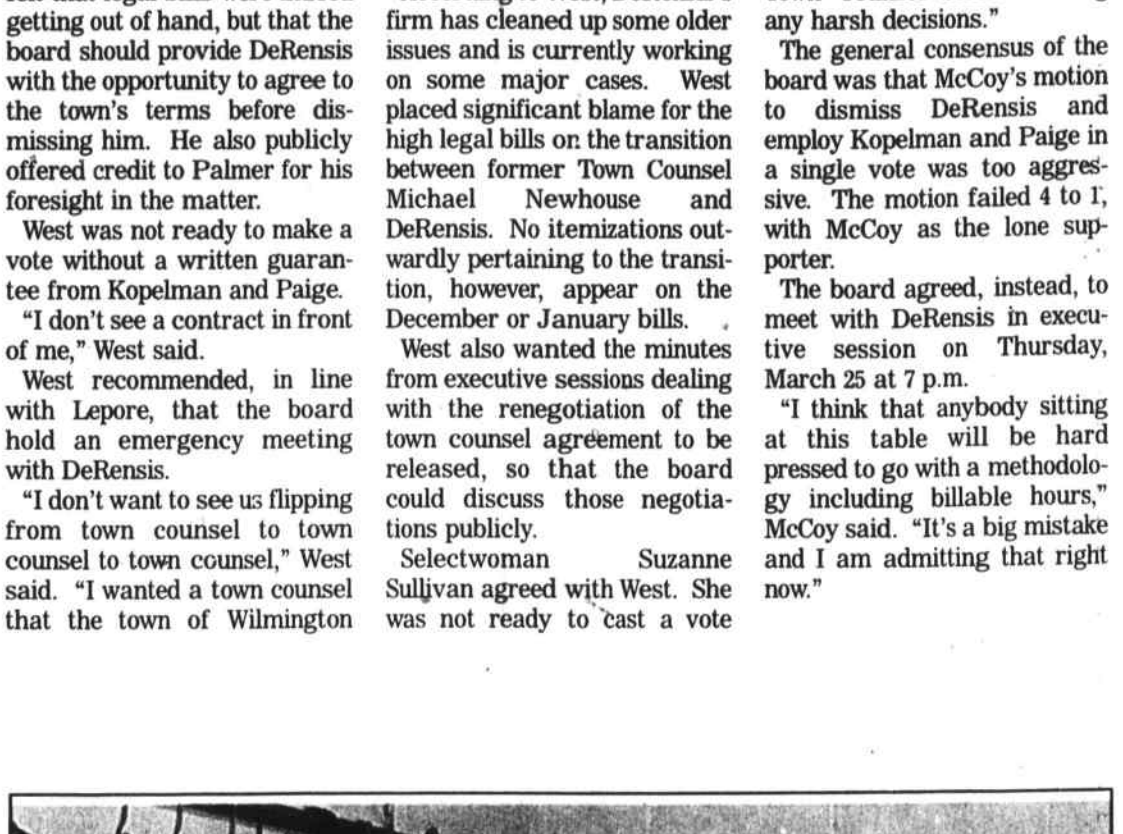
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Town Crier and Richard Thompson of the Wilmington Advocate, will ask the candidates six questions about local issues. The question-and-answer session, which will last approximately an hour, will be followed by closing statements from the candidates.

On Thursday, March 18, Sullivan and Thompson met with WCTV Director Donna Gacek to select the questions that will be asked on Monday night.

At press time, WCTV had not yet established the schedule under which the debate will be re-broadcasted in the weeks to follow.

On Tuesday, March 30, the League of Women Voters will sponsor roundtable discussions between the candidates and residents at the Wilmington United Methodist Church on Church Street from 7 to 9 p.m.



HERE COME THE BRIDES . . . in search of wedding dresses. They'll find plenty at the Tewksbury United Methodist Church, where a bridal gown and formal wear sale will take place on Saturday, March 27. Ellen Lewis, left, and Allyson Anderson, right, prepared the dresses for the sale earlier this week. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)



Insurance Weekly
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Planning Board, Finance Committee review warrant

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housing on the site.

"Once it's gone, it's gone forever," Forest said.

Several residents also spoke in opposition to the article, as did Selectwoman Suzanne Sullivan.

Sullivan noted that the same parcel of land had gone before town meeting voters twice and did not receive the necessary number of votes. She felt that residents had had ample opportunity to decide the fate of the parcel. She argued that such small parcels of open space add favorably to the community and described them as "little pieces of heaven."

"It's true that fiscal times are tough, but selling off public land is not the solution," Sullivan said.

Article 44 seeks to amend the zoning of the parcel of land at 355 Middlesex Avenue, which includes the building currently housing Chanel Builders, from General Industrial (GI) to Central Business (CB). Paul Kneeland, the owner of the parcel, is the petitioner. A change in the zoning would, according to Kneeland's attorney, Robert Peterson, result in a "downzone" of the parcel and a reduction of the total square footage.

Kneeland's proposed plan consists of a re-facing, renovation, and reduction of the existing structure and the construction of a second building on the site.

The new buildings will include a small number of residential units, an aspect that Planning and Conservation Director Lynn Duncan described as being in step with the Master Plan's vision of a "neighborhood activity center."

Selectman Frank West inquired whether the residential component might include units allocated as affordable. Peterson replied that anything was open for discussion at this point in the process.

Sullivan felt that the proposal could possibly be considered Spot Zoning. She asked for Duncan's opinion.

Duncan did not feel that it would not fall within the parameters of an instance of spot zoning. Peterson shared that assessment, adding that it would not be out of character with the surrounding area.

According to Duncan, Kneeland currently has the right to put up a warehouse on the parcel, but he has agreed to a far more expensive proposal to meet the needs of the community. The residential component, for instance, was not in the original plan and was added at the request of the town.

Article 40 proposes to designate Chestnut Avenue and Hillside Way as Scenic Streets.

Sullivan spoke in support of this article and stated that, despite researching the subject, she was not able to find a single detracting factor. She asked Duncan if any existed.

The only drawback that Duncan identified involved the additional time and processes that a resident of those streets would be subjected to before making any changes to their property.

As a scenic street, a property owner would need to go through a public hearing and obtain a special permit before cutting or removing trees, fences, and walls that exist anywhere on their property.

Betty Bigwood, a Chestnut Street resident, also rose in favor of the article. She asserted that Chestnut Street was one of several roads that determine the character of the town. She cited Andover, Wellesely, and Boxford as currently having Scenic Roads within their borders.

Article 25 proposes the establishment of a nine-member Government Study Committee to review the structure of the town's charter.

Attorney Michael Newhouse, a selectman candidate, opposed the article, charging that it was little more than a way to circumvent the proper process of establishing a duly elected Charter Commission. Newhouse likened the Town Charter to the federal Constitution and asserted that a mechanism for effecting changes to the charter and the town's by-laws exists currently exists.

Sullivan supported the article, stating that the charter has not been reviewed since its inception in the 1950s. She added that the Government Study Committee would operate in a reviewing capacity only and would not be capable of instituting any changes.

All other articles on the warrant were reviewed without significant discussion.

During a later public meeting, the Finance Committee voted to oppose only articles 25 and 43.

Article 43 proposed the conveyance of parcels of town-owned land to the control of the Conservation Commission. Some parcels identified in Article 43 were also proposed for private sale in Article 24.

Also during a later public meeting, the Planning Board recommended disapproval of articles 24 and 43.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 24 at the Lawrence H. Cushing Gymnasium at Wilmington High School.

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Wilmington's Kristin Thomas ends spectacular career at UNH

The best local female ice hockey player

BY MATT KALMAN
Sports Correspondent

BOSTON – When she blocked a shot from the point by a Providence College player and the puck got lodged in her sleeve, Kristen Thomas tossed her glove into the stands during the second period Sunday at Matthews Arena.

Although the fans returned the glove to the University of New Hampshire defenseman, Thomas' play was typical of the way she sacrificed for four seasons with the Wildcats.

The Wilmington native's blocked shot became academic when the Friars scored three third-period goals and downed the Wildcats in the Hockey East title game for the second straight season, but even a bitter loss didn't ruin UNH's season.

"We played really well in the regular season. We only lost one (Hockey East) game, we tied just two," said Thomas, who registered 30 points this season. "Unfortunately it didn't go as well for us in out-of-conference play, which is a little upsetting."

Only four teams get selected to play in the women's Frozen Four and UNH was not among the lucky quartet. That meant Thomas' four-year career, including two as the Wildcats' captain, ended with the loss to PC. Along the way, Thomas tied for the all-time points lead among UNH defenseman with 108, set a new career record for assists by a defenseman with 82 and earned Hockey East First Team All-Star status as both a junior and a senior.

But Thomas only measures her success by the team standings.

"For me, I'm pretty tough on myself and I also - no matter what happens to me - if the team fails, then I've absolutely failed," said Thomas on Sunday. "That's the way I've always looked at it. So it hurts a lot losing this game today."

The Wildcats regularly dressed just five defensemen all season and Janine Goulet's flu-like symptoms forced head coach Brian McCloskey to put his four healthy blueliners on the ice more than anyone should be expected to skate. The extra ice time took its toll and cost the Wildcats in the third period.

"I thought we came out and played well. We played well in the first and the second. We were a little gassed in the third and they turned it up a little," Thomas said. "After they scored (the first) goal I think we got down a little and we didn't respond, didn't answer."

Just hanging close with PC even when shorthanded was a tribute to Thomas and her assistant captains. As a senior standout, Thomas also played a major roll in jelling the Wildcats squad this winter with just eight players back from last season's team and finished with a 22-9-4 overall record.

"Our seniors really did a great job, when you look at how the team performed, leading the team," said McCloskey, who also noted how much he'll miss Thomas' presence.

One of the most celebrated female hockey players from Eastern Mass., Thomas of course joined UNH for the 2000-01 season after a career with Cushing Academy. Thomas made a big splash by leading all Wildcats rookies with 27 points and then she earned the Colleen Coyne Award as the team's best defenseman in her sophomore year.

The Wildcats changed coaches from Karen Kay to McCloskey and the switch at the helm helped Thomas grow as a player.

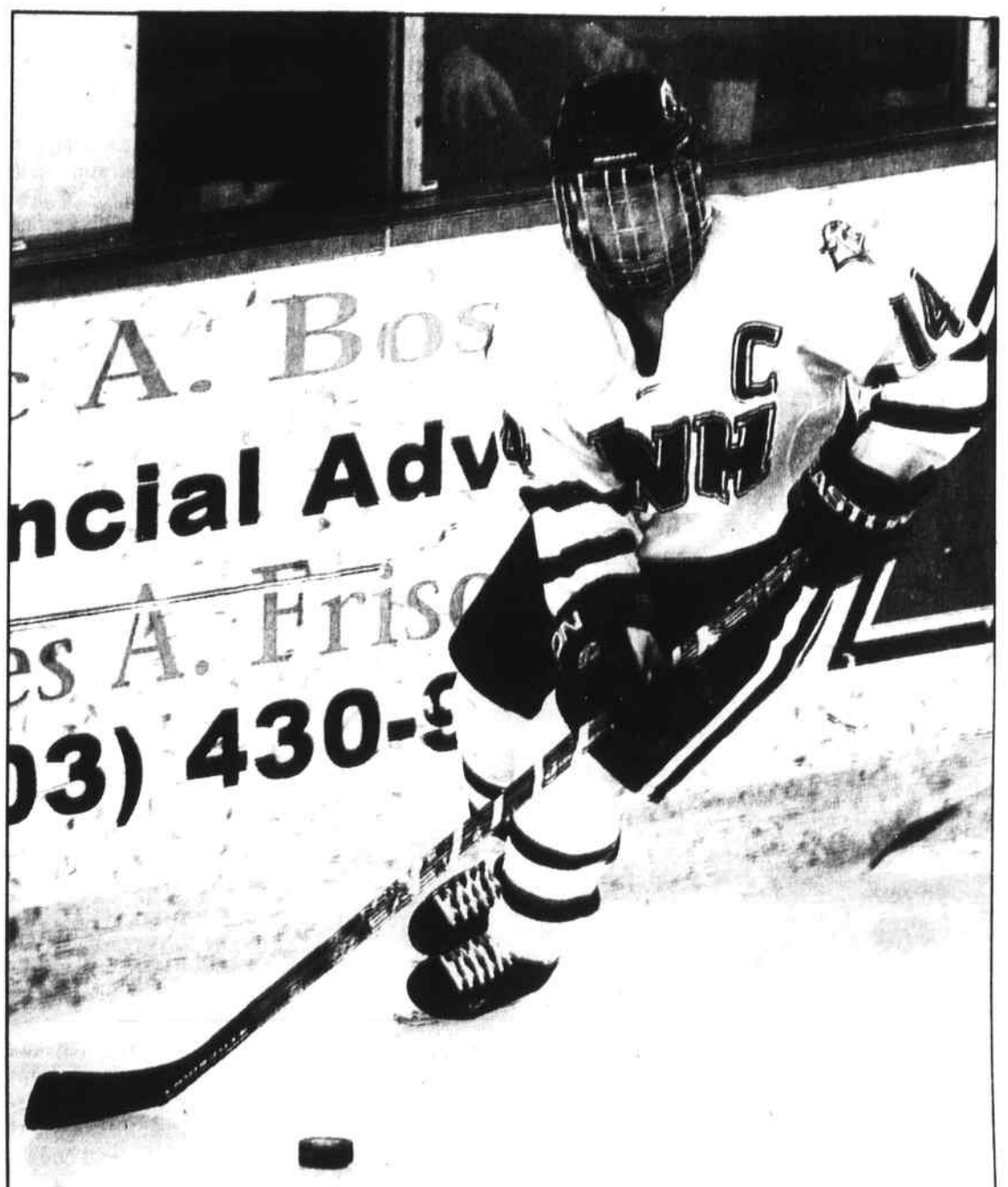
"It was a positive move by our athletic department and we had that rebound effect last year," said Thomas. "We came out so hard and so free. That set us up going into the second half. This year we kind of did the opposite.

"I think I'm a lot smarter (now). Just system-wise, you don't realize how much is implemented in the college game. Having two different looks and two different coaching staffs it's a positive thing for someone to see different things."

Playing in different systems might help Thomas as she attempts to continue her hockey career. After she graduates this spring, she's going to workout all summer and then head to Toronto next winter to play in the NWHL - a women's hockey league where Harvard grad and two-time Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award winner Jennifer Botterill currently plays.

Then she'll try and make a push for the 2006 Olympic team.

"I'd be lying if I didn't tell you that I'm going to take a year off next year to concentrate on myself and workout and stuff like that. I'd be lying if I told you I don't think about the Olympics," Thomas said. "Right now, I'm kind of far from the U.S. program, which is kind of disappointing because I'm a senior and technically you're supposed to be playing your best hockey right now. So I'm just going to stay with it, stay the course. There's been a lot of ups and downs, but I'm going to go after it real hard next year."



Wilmington resident Kristin Thomas finished up a tremendous career as a captain of the University of New Hampshire women's ice hockey team. On Sunday, her career ended as the Wildcats were eliminated by Providence, 3-0 at Northeastern's Matthews Arena. Above, the defenseman takes the puck around her net, and below she unleashes a slap shot. (courtesy photos from UNH).



Wilmington resident Kristin Thomas winds up to take a slap shot for the UNH Wildcat women's ice hockey team during a recent game. (courtesy photo by UNH).



Wilmington faces Tewksbury in Mite A youth hockey play

The Mite A Wildcats had a very busy weekend of hockey. The Cats dominated Tewksbury in a dual state battle Saturday afternoon, beating them 9-5. The offense was working on all cylinders.

After period one it was 4-4. Dylan Dinatale got the Cats on board first as he knocked in an unassisted loose puck rebound. Brian Pickett scored on a beautiful breakaway thanks to a sweet breakout pass coming off the stick of Brendan McDonough. Matt Diorio's heads up play paid off as he knocked home a rebound with a hard working assist going to Dinatale. Jay Rossetti finished out the first period scoring on a nifty breakaway move thanks to a nice breakout pass from Zach Blanch.

The second period had the Cats take the lead on a goal by Brian Pickett, assisted by Brendan McDonough. The Cats defensive corps of Zach Blanch, Daniel Luise, Drew Foley and Kevin Meuse did a great job of keeping the Tewksbury offense stifled. They all made some outstanding defensive plays.

The boys dominated the third period. Jay Rossetti got the scoring going with a nice wrist-shot assisted by linemate Dylan Dinatale. Brian Pickett's hustle paid off as he completed his hat trick with Zach Blanch getting the assist. Brendan McDonough scored a nice top shelf wrist-shot thanks to a setup by a very hardworking and hustling Tommy Townsend. Jay Rossetti scored again to complete his hat trick assisted by Dylan Dinatale.

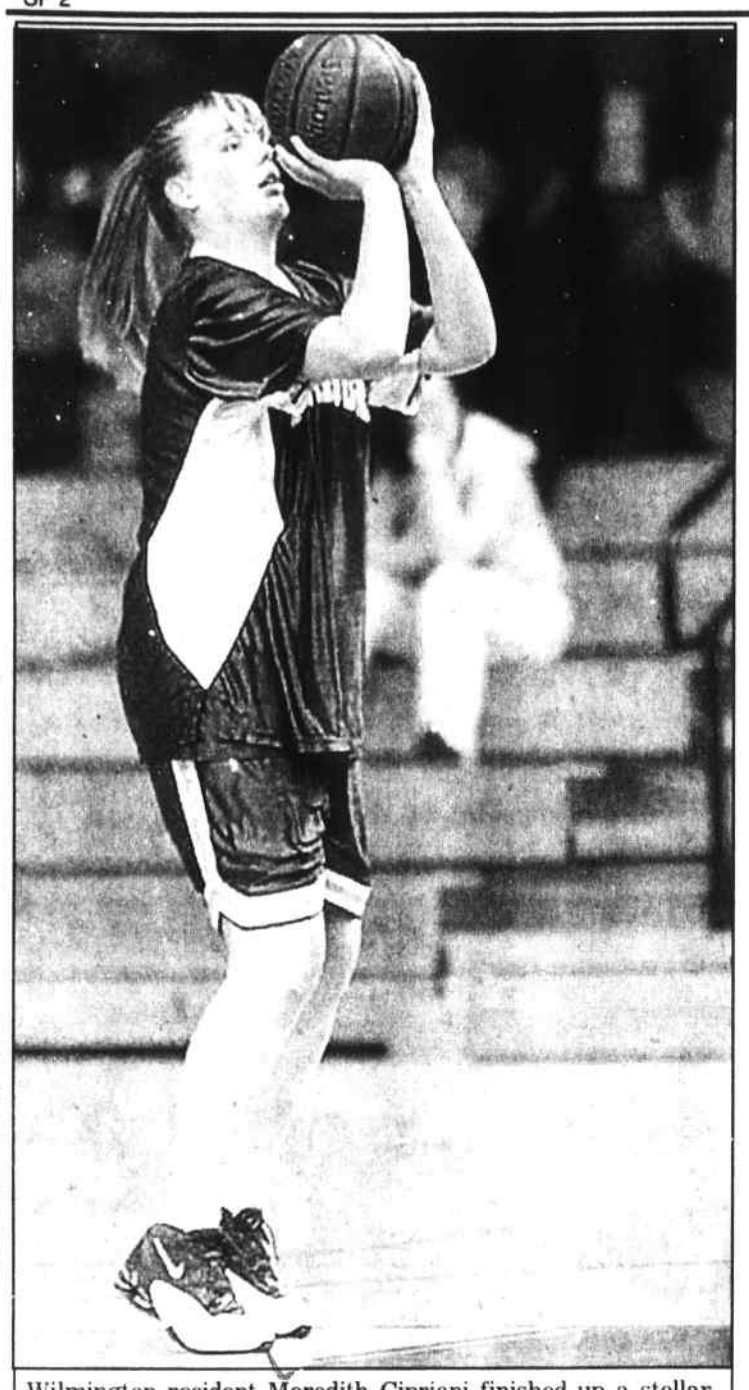
The very dependable Jimmy Davey had an excellent game in net making some great glove saves. This was a great game with each team member contributing to the win.

The Cats hosted a very talented Reading team in a Valley League matchup early Sunday morning. The boys had just beat Reading in their last matchup and unfortunately for our boys Reading came out seeking revenge. Reading dominated all 3 periods and the Cats could only muster up one goal scored as Zach Malatesta won a hard fough battle in front of the net to score a nice goal with the assist to Matt Diorio. The Cats were trounced 7-1 by a better team this day. The boys had to shake of this tough loss, as they still had an afternoon game to play.

The Sunday doubleheader had the Mite A's playing Nashua at Tyngsboro Sunday afternoon. The Cats needed a win to keep any chance of staying in the dual state playoff race alive. The first period was a hard fought battle with neither team getting on the scoreboard. Jimmy Davey made some superb saves to keep the Cats in the game. Zach Blanch, Dan Luise, Kevin Meuse and Drew Foley broke up countless Nahua offensive rushes. It was a physical game and the defense came to play and really stepped it up.

The line of Zach Malatesta, Brian Healy and Mike Diorio worked relentlessly in the corners battling for loose pucks. The Cats were down 2-0 but responded when Jay Rossetti poked home a rebound off a Matt Diorio shot to make it 2-1. The third period saw Brendan McDonough knock in a loose puck assisted by linemate Brian Pickett to make it 2-2. The Cats went down 3-2 with 4:33 remaining in the game. The offensive corps tried hard to tie it up. They pulled the goalie at the end of the game and had several great chances to tie the game but could not put the puck in the net. It looks like the Dual State playoffs are out of reach but the kids should be very proud of the effort they put into this game. Final Score Nashua 3 Wilmington 2.

Cipriani ends basketball career just shy of 1,000 points



Wilmington resident Meredith Cipriani finished up a stellar four-year basketball career at Fitchburg State College. (courtesy photo by FSC).

By MATT KALMAN
Sports Correspondent

As the starting center on Fitchburg State College's women's basketball team, Meredith Cipriani produced plenty of points, rebounds and blocked shots.

But the Wilmington natives' value to the Falcons extended beyond the court throughout her four years at FSC, including two seasons as the squad's co-captain.

Cipriani also had a hand in luring prospective athletes to the Falcons' campus and program.

"Off the court she's just a great kid and she's done so much for our program," said FSC head coach Walter Paschal, who was in his second season when he first brought Cipriani to the Falcons program. "She gives tours to all the freshmen looking at Fitchburg State and always talks so glowingly about the school."

Said Cipriani: "I'll do anything to help the team. I did it in my junior year because I would benefit from it because I'd be playing with the kids. But even now that I won't be playing with them I still do it. I love people and I don't mind meeting people and talking to people and obviously we're talking basketball so what's not to love?"

Cipriani loves people almost as much as Paschal loves her. And his 6-foot-tall Wilmington High graduate will become one of the players the FSC coach will hold up as an example to future FSC players.

"Over the years you get to know that more and more she's the type of kid we're looking for now," Paschal said. "When we're recruiting kids, we'll have them spend the night with the team and then I'll ask if they're the type of player we want."

Starting with Cipriani and his first recruiting class, Paschal began to turn the FSC program around. Before Cipriani's class arrived, FSC won just six games in Paschal's first season. The Falcons won eight games in both Cipriani's freshman and sophomore seasons and then jumped to 12 wins in her junior year.

This winter, the Falcons went 15-10.

"I think coach does a great job of going out and recruiting and he puts a lot of time and effort into everything he does," said Cipriani, who averaged 8.8 points per game this season. "He does a great job of finding the right girls. Character is something you do when no one's looking and he's done a great job of finding girls with great character."

When she first donned a Falcons jersey, Cipriani made a major impact and she earned Rookie of the Year honors in the MASCAC.

"I was not expecting that at all," said Cipriani. "It was quite a thrill when they told me. I came into a good group of people that we here already and from the first day I got to school we had captains' practices and I got to know everyone quickly. You get adjusted a lot when you're playing pickup games with them."

Cipriani's numbers, however, sank in her sophomore year.

"That was actually my own fault," admitted Cipriani. "I came in as a freshman and being as successful as I was, I was thinking I should take it a little easier when I shouldn't have. I should've been out doing some more work. Now I'm kicking myself because I didn't.

"Every year, I tell (the younger players) to listen to what coach says and do what he says to do in the offseason."

After she learned her lesson about hard work in her second season, Cipriani got back on track as a junior and her stellar play continued into her fourth season. She was third on the Falcons in scoring in 2003-04 and led them in rebounding with 8.9 boards per game. She also blocked 57 shots and made 57 steals.

Statistically, Cipriani's four-year career turned out as expected.

"Basketball-wise she did an outstanding job for us," Paschal said. "She's our fourth all-time leading scorer and she had over 750 rebounds. If she didn't get sick her freshman year when she missed three games, she'd have reached 1,000 points. She finished with 958.

"She just never gives up and never lets her teammates get down, especially when she became co-captain in her junior and senior years. When things start to go bad, she'd say she's not going to let that happen."

Cipriani's absence from three games at the start of her freshman year and her struggles of sophomore season contributed to her falling 42 points shy of the 1,000 mark - something that didn't ruin her career but still frustrated Cipriani.

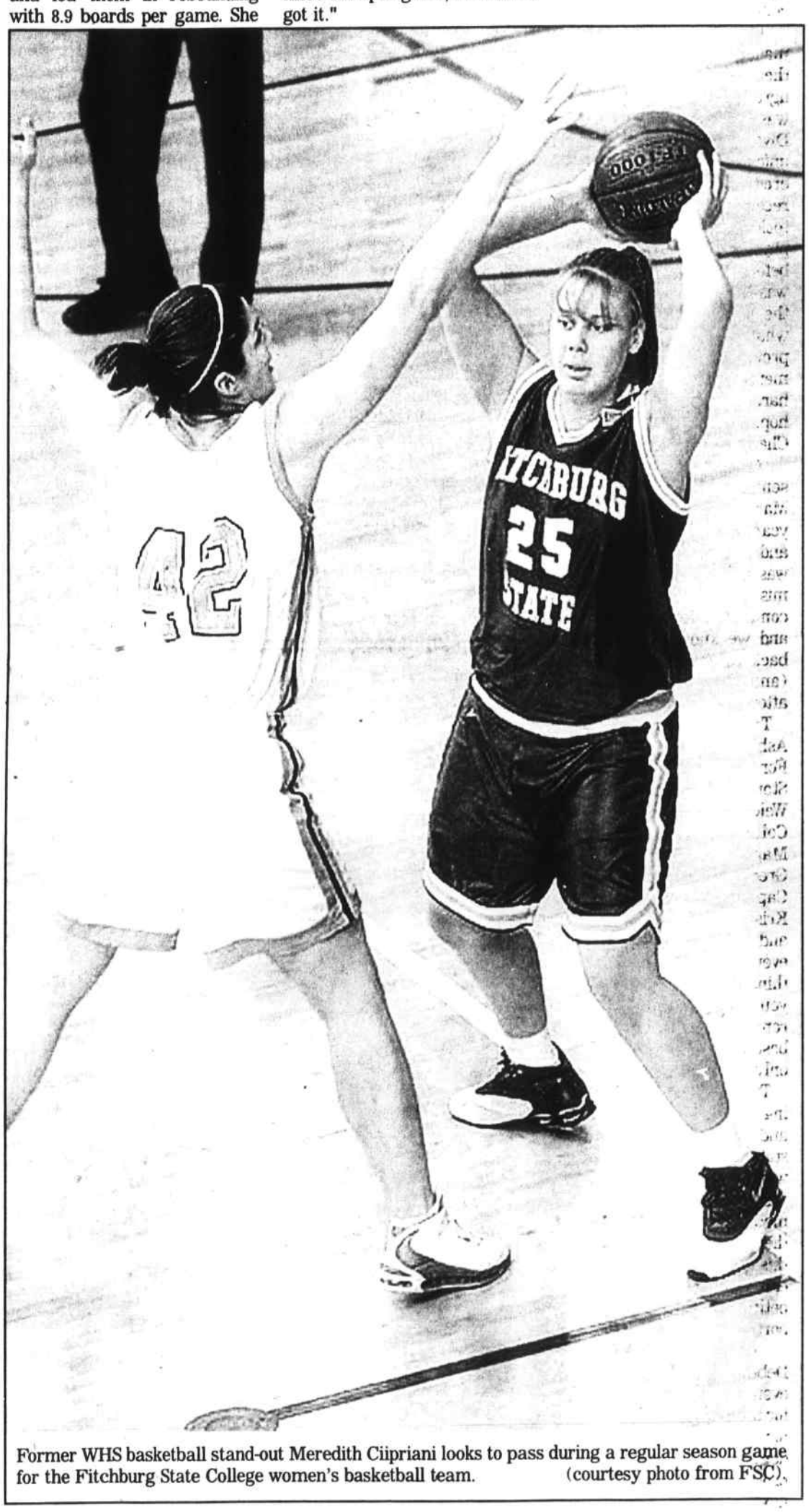
"I think about it all the time," Cipriani said. "If I'd made one more shot per game, I could've got it."

One milestone Cipriani will definitely reach is college graduation when she'll receive her degree in accounting with a minor in economics this spring. Her post-playing career might involve spending more time on the FSC campus.

"I'm definitely going to move home (this summer) and spend some time with my family," said Cipriani. "Then I'll look into job options. I applied at the Fitchburg State accounting and payroll department, so I could be back there"

Whether she's working at the school or elsewhere, Cipriani intends to still have a presence with the FSC basketball team.

"I definitely plan on going to games and being part of the team," Cipriani said. "I'm talking to coach about helping with recruiting and going to high school games to recruit."



Former WHS basketball stand-out Meredith Ciipriani looks to pass during a regular season game for the Fitchburg State College women's basketball team. (courtesy photo from FSC).

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Pee Wee C's take on tough Winchester squad

The Wilmington Pee Wee C's met Winchester Pee Wee's in dual state play. The Cats came out ready to play hockey scoring less than three minutes into the first period when Sam Grant shot from behind the net to Sean Keane at the corner for the shot. Jared Ravagni set himself up out front for the rebound.

The defensive teams of Steve Piscatelli, Brian Fitzpatrick, Brian Good and Cori Michals kept the play out of the Cats zone, feeding the puck up to the offensive lines of Mark Flanagan, Brett Kidik, Kelly Brandano and Tim Martens each having some nice shots on net and worked hard to keep the puck in Winchester's zone. Jared's second goal of the game when Steve Piscatelli grabbed the puck off the faceoff and lifted a shot from the blue line with Jared grabbing the rebound. Ryan Derian won the next faceoff and deked the defense to skate in for a nice shot on net.

The Cats defense effectively killed a shorthanded attempt from Winchester with some help from Stephen Cadigan ending the period with a two goal lead. Winchester got a quick goal against the Cats. Winchester came back to tie the game at the next faceoff.

The Cats came back to score at the end of the period when Peter Leighton shot the puck from against the boards to Jim Stokes out front who lifted it over the goalie's shoulder. The Cats had some great shot on net in the third period but were unable to capitalize ending with a three to two win.

Cheerleaders take third place at state competition

After many months of hard work, dedication and countless injuries (thankfully minor), the Wilmington High School Cheerleaders were able to follow up their North Regional Championship Title with an incredible showing at the State Competition. The state championship, which is run by the MSSAA (www.mssaa.org) was held on Saturday, March 13th at Marlboro High School.

After graduating 11 seniors from last years team, the rebuilding season began in the fall. While performing very well in the fall the girls took 6th place at states, that would not be good enough for them. So what did they do? Rather than pack it in they worked harder than ever and proved to themselves and countless others that they still had the competitive drive in them and that they could go out there and win.

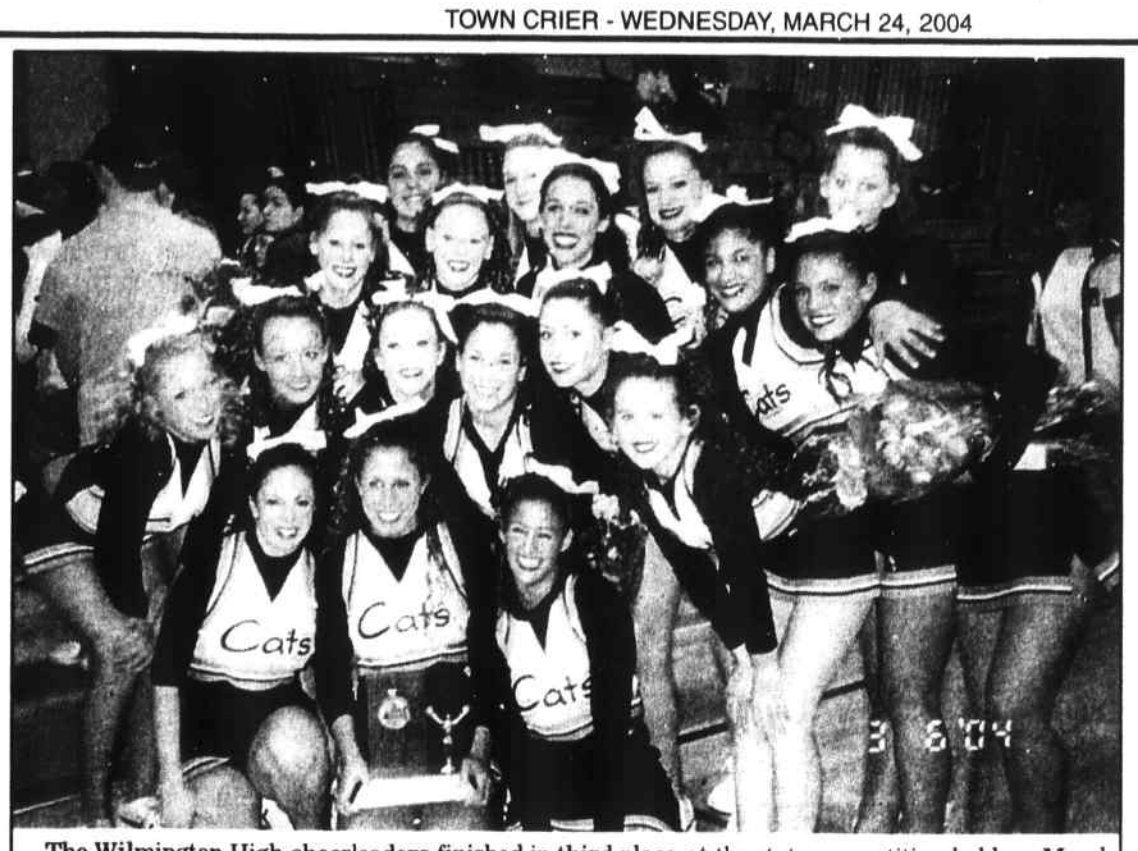
On Sunday, their performance was by far the best for them this year and the judges agreed. The girls overall score was 164.5, which was the best in Divsion Two. However with an unforseen penalty which lowered their score by 7, they received a 157.5 and proudly took home their third place trophy. The personal team goal before the start of this season was to place in the top three in the state, and that is exactly what they did. Extremely proud of their accomplishements, they will now work even harder to surpass this year and hope to grasp onto that State Championship next year.

Graduating this year is senior, Maria Sorrentino. Maria was a captain this past year and represents here team and her town with pride. She was a great leader and will be missed by all. We wish her complete success in her future and we know that she will be back to cheer us on next year (and hopefully many more after that).

The remainder of the team is: Ashley Dellanno, Michelle Forester, Nicole Sauve, Jenn Stone, Amy Butters, Jessie Welch, Jessica Pereira, Brittani Collins, Cherise Marchesi, Maggie Sorrentino, Ashley Greco, Lindsey Brown, Kayla Capachetti, Stephanie Lyon, Kristy Chapman, Amy Sawyer, and Ashley McGrath. Each and every one of you brought something special to this team, keep your heads up and always remember....The best of the best is what we will be - we can only go up HILL from here!!!!!

To the ladies that will be trying out this spring, work hard and prove that you deserve that state title next year. Cannot wait to show everyone what Wilmington Cheerleading is made of!!! Special thank you to the parents for supporting us this year and to our fans that came to cheer us on at our competitions, we'll need your support again next year.

To Kathy Ruggiero and Debbie Smith: Words cannot even express my appreciation for both of you! Thank you both for everything that you have done for me, the team and the program. Looking forward to next year! - Coach Nancy Sullivan.



The Wilmington High cheerleaders finished in third place at the state competition held on March 13th at Marlboro High School. (file photo).

Lombard takes part of 3-on-3 hoop tourney

Mike Lombard of Wilmington joined up with Tracy Mitchell of Lowell, WEEI-AM personality Gerry Callahan, Chelmsford High basketball coach Charlie Micol and Ant Olson of Billerica in the inagural "March to the Championship" 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

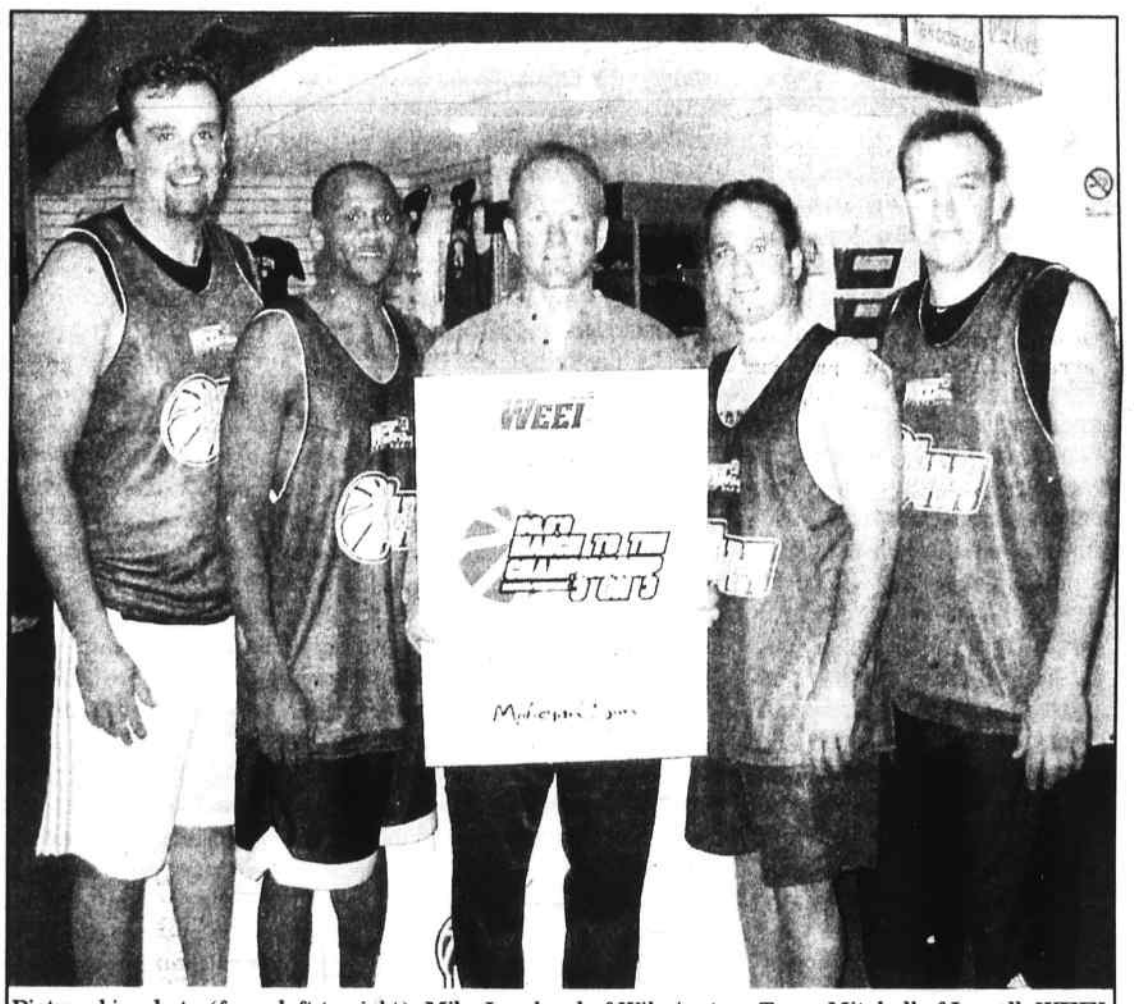
Mitchell's Arizona team reached the quarterfinals. Mohegan Sun and WEEI teamed up to sponsor the New York vs. Boston competition to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Mitchell's team reached the final eight before being eliminated by a tough Air Force squad. Each team member played basketball on the collegiate level, Mitchell at Texas Christian, Lombard at Dartmouth, Micol at Boston College, and Olson at Elmore State.

The 3-on-3 basketball tournament mirrored the NCAA Tournament, with each city filling out half the 64-team bracket. Teams from New York were placed in the East and South brackets while Boston filled out the Midwest and West brackets.

Early-round games were played March 20th at the Basketball City locations in Boston and New York. Regional champions advanced to the Final Four, set for March 30th at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, Conn.

In addition to Mohegan Sun and WEEI, other sponsors of the event were Anheuser Busch, Coca-Cola, Orbitz and WFAN. Proceeds go to the Boomer Esiason Foundation and the Joey Fund to benefit Cystic Fibrosis.



Pictured in photo (from left to right): Mike Lombard of Wilmington, Tracy Mitchell of Lowell, WEEI-AM personality Gerry Callahan, Charles Micol of Chelmsford, and Ant Olson of Billerica, who participated in the "March to the Championship" 3-on-3 basketball tournament. (courtesy photo).

Adult baseball league starting

Players and teams are needed for the upcoming 2004 season. The Boston-Amateur Baseball League has divisions of play for over 18, over 35 and over 45 years of age. Games are played in Boston and surrounding areas on weeknights and weekends. Season starts in May. All abilities are welcome. If interested, call Paul at 617-325-5164, or e-mail: Pharr29@yahoo.com. You can also register online at our website: leaguelineup.com/babl03.

Tewksbury youth football registration

Registration for all players and cheerleaders participating in the Tewksbury Youth Football program will be held on Tuesday, April 13th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM, and Wednesday, April 14th, 5:00 - 8:00 PM. Registration will be held at the Teen Center on Livingston Street.

Registration Fee is $75.00 per participant with a family maximum of $140.00. (Late registration fee's take effect as of July 1st).

Children wishing to participate must be within the ages of 7-14 and in grades 1-8 as of September 1, 2004.

For further information please contact Linda Ianetta at (978) 858-0340.

TYSA to begin girls hockey

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99.5|Nissan Pathfinder SE 4X4 — List $17,590 — Cash or Trade -2000 — Kelly Match -2000 — Auto., lthr., s/roof, BOSE cass./CD — No. 40774B — You Finance $13,590

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Brendan McDonough and Brian Pickett, teammates on the Mite Elite Valley Junior Warriors, show-off their 1st place medals after winning the Massachusetts Tier 1 Select League Championship with a 7-3 win over the Middlesex Braves. (courtesy photo).

Drop the puck, hockey is still here

By LOUIE CIMAGLIA

Can you feel it?

Can you sense the climax?

Are you aware of what's unfolding?

Hockey. Remember that? Yeah, its still around. And it is hitting its peak. The coolest sport on earth is heating up. And you've been watching the NBA or the Billiards tournament on ESPN, right? Now that Kentucky and Stanford have lost, and everyone's brackets are useless, we can focus on the ice. Not into the NHL? No problem. College and youth hockey haven't been slacking either. The University of Maine recently played in the longest college hockey game of all time, three overtimes. They defeated UMass-Amherst, 2-1, and are now heading to the NCAA Tournament with hopes of getting to the frozen four.

The Wilmington Bantam A's hockey team attended a state tournament this past weekend and made it all the way to the semifinals. One thing is for sure... hockey is changing-for the better.

The Boston Bruins were once a sad team. Just a few months ago the Bruins were headed towards another mediocre season. Joe Thornton had once again failed to show his potential, and the Bruins management just wouldn't make a trade. Then, the B's won a couple, then a few more, and before you knew it Boston is the hottest team in the NHL. Going into the All-Star break, the Bruins were one of the East Elite. Thornton was beginning to learn that he could make things happen when he shoots the puck. Young net minder Andrew Raycroft was making a name for himself between the pipes. Then, the Bruins did the one more thing they hadn't done for years... traded to get a player to make a run at the playoffs. Sergei Gonchar has done all the little things to make this team go. Then the B's struck again and got Michael Nylander.

With two solid goalies on the roster, Raycroft and veteran Felix Potvin, and possibly the most dominating line in all of hockey in Thornton, right wing and top scorer Glen Murray, and speedy Sergei Samsonov, the Bruins are poised for the playoffs. But probably the biggest improvement is the attendance at the home games. Now when you watch the Bruins game, the bright yellow seats have more people in them, its still not sold out, but there has been an improvement. Maybe there will be three Boston sports champions (pending the Red Sox win, of course).

Collegiate hockey is really starting to shine as of late. Great games have been occurring all over the country to determine who goes to the frozen four. Sadly, college hockey games aren't often televised, and great talent goes unrecognized. If there is one thing New England dominates in, its college hockey. That is mainly because we have winter through March (and I'm sure we're all happy about that). But the passion for hockey runs deep in New England. And now it shows.

Everyone has reacted differently towards the NHL's finahcial problems. But there is one thing that has been forgotten ... the hockey aspect. We've just got to let them play. I'm not sure if this irritates the players, but they have certainly been playing at a higher level. Maybe they feel as though they have something to prove. Maybe they want to show the world why they are the best. Maybe they are trying to draw some attention to avoid this fiscal crisis. Maybe this year they're just playing better. For whatever reason the quality is beginning to look like that of old, it is still hockey. And hockey was meant to be played this way. Tough, hard, fast, and gritty.

Finally, we see how hockey was meant to be played. And hopefully, it stays this way.

Louie Cimaglia is a 13-year-old boy from Wilmington who writes a weekly column

Letter to the Sports Editor

Thank You Coach Hand

Dear Jamie:

For the last three seasons, our daughter has had the great experience of playing for the Wilmington Youth Soccer League. I saw, her confidence and ability grow, through the experience of playing with a group of wonderful kids and her coach, Bob Hand.

Through the spirit of the team, their individual efforts, and the personal approach of their coach, this team did very well in every game they played, winning or losing. They bonded as a team, became self-confident and worked on their skills to try to do their best. They didn't leave the soccer field to see each other at the next game, they developed friendships by getting together off the field, as well as, phone calls and the internet. They worked together to improve each other's skills and team spirit.

This past Saturday morning, my daughter's coach, Bob Hand, personally went to every members house that would not be with his team this season. The officials of Wilmington Youth Soccer League, in their infinite wisdom, thought to break up something that works!

Now, my daughter must go elsewhere, start all over again with another team. She's a competitor, and even though not the most gifted player, she put her heart into it all. A part of that heart has been broken, her spirit and confidence will remain intact, because her coach, Bob Hand, gave every player that ability!

Finally, at the end of each season, "Coach Bob" holds a pizza party for the team. He invited my daughter, as well as the other former members of the team to the party. The experience of the past three seasons, being with the children and parents of a large soccer family every Saturday morning, can only be summed up in one word....."priceless."

Sincerely,

Bryan and Kathy O'Brien

The Town Crier

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• O B Hill, 121 John St., Tewksbury

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Letter to the Sports Editor

Former golfers feel disrespected

Dear Jamie:

Here is the "heat" that you predicted would come for not respecting the WHS golf program. We feel that your statement "I believe the boys basketball and boys hockey teams are the two top programs in the entire WHS athletic department" was insulting and disrespectful to the hard work and many accomplishments of the WHS golf program.

We have great respect for the achievements of our fellow student athletes. We also realize that the golf program is not as popular as the hockey and basketball programs. To say that WHS golf is not the top athlefic program is ludicrous. You, more than most people, have seen the vast accomplishments of the golf program in recent years. The achievements of the golf program clearly supersede those of any recent WHS athletic program.

From personal experience, the team spent literally all of their summer days practicing, traveling, and competing to prepare for upcoming fall season. Previous team accomplishments resulted in tremendous expectations and increased pressure. The hard work and dedication proved helpful as our performance in competition fulfilled these high expectations.

Clearly, recent golf accomplishments are unrivaled to the accomplishments of both the boys' basketball and hockey teams. Not to diminish the achievements of other teams but which other athletic program's achievements can match those of the golf teams? The most important achievements are the 56 straight unbeaten matches, four straight sole Cape Ann League Championships, two North Sectional Championships, two second place Division 3 State Championships, Division 3 Individual State Champion, and 2000 Division 3 State Championship.

Please feel free to explain why you "don't think it's an unfair comparison between basketball/hockey and golf." We are having trouble comprehending your belief that the golf team is not the top athletic program.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Doug Horan WHS Class of 2003 and David Velardo WHS Class of 2003

Doug and Dave:

I believe you missed my point. I stressed throughout the entire column that I believe, not only because of the wins and losses, that the boys basketball and boys hockey teams are the best programs because of the teams they have to face in the state tournament.

I believe the parity in both boys basketball and boys hockey come state tournament time is the strongest from top to bottom than every other sport. In those two sports, there's not too much difference between the top seed to the last seed. To compare that to golf, there's a huge difference from the top seed to the last seed. For example, the state final this past year - the top team Medfield was 71 strokes better than the last seed.

I have the utmost respect for the golf program, Coach Al Fessenden, his players and what they have accomplished over the years. It truly is remarkable.

I also have the utmost respect for all of the other WHS programs, coaches, players and former players no matter if they win 56 matches in a row or lose 56 in a row.

Many of the teams, besides golf, could make good arguments about my opinion. But I just feel from top to bottom, come state tournament time, that the most parity comes in boys basketball and boys hockey.

And since those two teams have success in both the league and the state tournament against what I feel is the toughest competition, I stand by my opinion that those two programs are the top two elite programs in the school.

However, it's just an opinion.

[Sp. Ed].

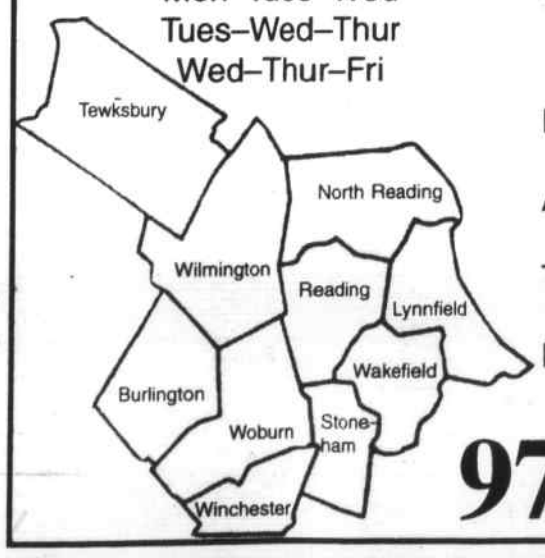
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"Number 1 in our Hearts!" The Tewksbury Mite B Team skated their hearts out at the Hallenborg Tournament this past weekend in Billerica. Great job Mite B Team! (courtesy photo).

Fitness after 50 offered at NECC

Age should never deter any one from becoming physically fit. Just ask the nine individuals, ages 50 to 80-plus, who are currently participating in Northern Essex Community College's Fit Over Fifty Wellness and Exercise Program. A new session of the program begins March 29, meeting Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Sport & Fitness Center on the Haverhill campus. All nine of the original participants have signed up for the second session and they're looking for others to join them.

This six-week program is a mix of aerobic, strength and balance activities designed to improve overall physical fitness. All participants are given both strength and physical fitness assessment tests. Each individual then works at his or her own pace. The fee is $45 per person.

"The goal is for the participants to improve their fitness even just a little bit. A little improvement in fitness goes a long way toward overall health improvement," says Rob Parker, MS CSCS, Coordinator of Sport and Leisure Studies at Northern Essex. "Participants have noticed improvement in their strength, balance, agility and aerobic endurance and, most importantly, they're having fun."

Participant Don Fonda of Haverhill is very enthusiastic. "Nine of us started the program and not one of us has dropped out. We've formed quite a team!"

The program will be led by Doreen Brothers, and other students in the Sport & Leisure Studies program. The Program will be supervised by Parker.

For additional information or to register, contact Rob Parker at 978-556-3823 rparker@necc.mass.edu or Doreen Brothers at 603-231-2974 or dbrothers@web-conceptions.com

Softball coaches needed

The Tewksbury Girls Softball Middle/Essex Summer Travel League is looking for coaches/asst. coaches. The league plays from June 23 through August 8th with two games per week between Mon-Thurs. If interested call John Parent 978-886-0321.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 02P1121GR1
In the Matter of **Joseph Slattery**
Of **Tewksbury**
In the County of **MIDDLESEX**
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF MENTALLY RETARDED PERSON

To **Joseph Slattery** of **Tewksbury** in the County of **Middlesex** and his heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said **Joseph Slattery** of **Tewksbury**, in the County of **Middlesex** is a mentally retarded person to the degree that he is incapable of making informed decisions with respect to the conduct of his personal affairs and praying that **Maureen Armstrong** of **Lowell** in the County of Middlesex be appointed guardian, to serve without surety, of the person.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance is said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on APRIL 19, 2004.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, March 15, 2004.

3.24.04 John R. Buonomo
3860 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 6, 2004 at 8:45 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on Site Plan Review #04-2, entitled, "Cardio Tech Interior Improvements, 229 Andover Street, Wilmington, MA"; dated February 2, 2004, prepared for Cardio Tech, Inc. submitted on March 10, 2004 by Bernard A. Paquin, P.E., Dane F. Perkins, Inc. 1049 East Street, Tewksbury, Ma 01876. Said property is located at 229 Andover Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map R-1 Parcel 108B. This site plan review application is for a change of use to utilize the existing building to manufacture a range of polymer based materials. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning and Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

3.17.04,3.24.04 Michael Sorrentino, Chair
3853 Wilmington Planning Board

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 6, 2004 at 7:45 PM at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on Site Plan Review #04-1, entitled, "Site Plan, 911 Main Street, Wilmington, MA"; dated February 24, 2004, submitted on March 4, 2004 by Robert P. Autenzio, Jr., c/o Robert G. Peterson, Esquire, 314 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887. Said property is located at 911 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 25 Parcel 4. This site plan review application is to construct three buildings for retail and warehouse use. The total square footage for this project is 19,380 sq. ft. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning and Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

3.17.04,3.24.04 Michael Sorrentino, Chair
3854 Wilmington Planning Board

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 03P5402GI1
In the Matter of MARIA BURGOS
Of Tewksbury
In the County of MIDDLESEX
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF MENTALLY ILL PERSON

To **Maria Burgos** of **Tewksbury** in the County of **Middlesex**, her heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said **Maria Burgos** of **Tewksbury**, in the County of **Middlesex** is a mentally ill person and praying that **Victoria Santiago** of **Lawrence** in the County of **Essex** and **Rafael Marti** of **Lawrence** in the county of **Essex** be appointed guardians, to serve without surety, of the person.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance is said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on **APRIL 19, 2004.**

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, March 15, 2004.

3.24.04 John R. Buonomo
3861 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on April 5 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 12-2004
Steven G. McGinley
Map 52 Parcel 55

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with section 6.1.2..2 of the Wilmington Zoning Bylaw to extend a nonconforming use (existing lot has insufficient area, width, front and side yard setbacks-proposing a detached garage meeting the setback requirements) for property located on 104 Middlesex Avenue.

Case 13-2004
Cardio Tech Rlty Trust
c/o D. Brown
Map R1 Parcel 108B

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with section 6.6 Ground Water Protection District to produce medical-grade plastics for shipment to medical device manufacturers for property located on 229 Andover Street.

Case 14-2004 Dennis Donahue
Map 84 Parcel 62

Seeking a determination by the Board under section 6.1.2.2 of the Wilmington Zoning Bylaw to increase the nonconforming nature of the structure (existing lot has insufficient area, width, depth, front, side and rear yard setbacks-proposing a porch to be 5.5 feet closer to the front yard lot line than the existing dwelling) for property located on 55 McDonald Road.

Case 15-2004 Philip J. Enos
Map 78 Parcel 17

To acquire a variance from Standard Dimensional Regulations (Table II) section 5.2..5 to construct a garage 10 feet from the side yard lot line when 20 feet is required for property located on 25 Dadant Drive.

Case 16-2004 Mark Filippi
Map 60 Parcel 31

Seeking a determination under section 6.1.2.1 of the Wilmington Zoning Bylaw that a proposed alteration to a nonconforming structure does not increase any portion of the nonconforming nature of the existing structure (existing lot has insufficient area, front yard setback on Wing Road and side yard setback-proposing an addition meeting the setback requirements) for property located on 563 Woburn Street.

Case 17-2004
Michael Tkachuk c/o Michael Newhouse Esq.
Map 54 Parcel 107

Seeking a determination under section 6.1.2.1 of the Wilmington Zoning Bylaw that a proposed alteration to a nonconforming structure does not increase any portion of the nonconforming nature of the existing structure (existing lot has insufficient area, depth-proposing to raze the existing structure and build a dwelling no closer to the lot lines than the existing dwelling) for property located on 18 Broad Street.

Case 18-2004
Robert P. Autenzio Jr.
c/o R. Peterson
Map 25 Parcel 4

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with section 3.5.1 to operate a retail store in a Light Industrial/Office Zone for property located at 911 Main Street.

Case 19-2004
Robert P. Autenzio Jr.
c/o R. Peterson
Map 25 Parcel 4

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with section 6.6.7.7. to render impervious more than 15% or 2,500 square feet and provide for adequate recharge of groundwater for property located at 911 Main Street.

Case 20-2004
Erik & Caryl Nansel
Map 62 Parcel 41A

Seeking a determination under section 6.1.2.1 of the Wilmington Zoning Bylaw that a proposed alteration to a nonconforming structure does not increase any portion of the nonconforming nature of the existing structure (existing dwelling is within the front yard setback-proposing a second floor addition) for property located on 22 Lincoln Street.

Case 21-2004
Eric Murray c/o Cuoco & Cormier Eng.
Map 35 Parcel 3

To acquire a Special Permit in accordance with section 5.3.4 for a hammerhead lot for property located Off of Benson Road, Ponderosa Road in Tewksbury.

3852 3.17.04,3.24.04

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
(SEAL) Case No. 297482

To **Michael A. Luce, Sr., a/k/a Michael Alan Luce**
Sandra L. Luce

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldier's and Sailor's Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: JP Morgan Chase Bank as Trustee, f/k/a Chase Manhattan Bank as Trustee, c/o Residential Funding Corporation claiming to be the holder of mortgage covering real property in Wilmington numbered 11 **Parker Street** given by **Michael A. Luce, Sr.** and **Sandra L. Luce** to Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc., dated May 1, 2002 and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 13068 at Page 36, and registered as Document No. 203490 as noted on Certificate of Title No. 32716 and now held by Plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in a manner following: by entry and possession and exercise power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldier's and Sailor's Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 26th day of April 2004, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER, Chief Justice of said Court this 15th day of March 2004.

3.24.04 Ann-Marie J. Breuer
3859 Deputy Recorder

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 04P1062EP1
In the Estate of **BARBARA A. WHITE**
Late of **WILMINGTON**
In the County of **MIDDLESEX**
Date of Death January 27, 2004
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that **Stephen J. White** of **Melrose** in the County of **Middlesex** and **James R. White** of **Wilmington** in the County of **Middlesex** and **Ann M. Scaramozzino** of **Wilmington** in the County of **MIDDLESEX** be appointed co-executors, named in the will to serve without surety.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance is said court at Cambridge on or before ten o'clock in the forenoon (10:00 AM) on **APRIL 15, 2004.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds, upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. BEVERLY WEINGER BOORSTEIN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this day, March 11, 2004.

3.24.04 John R. Buonomo
3858 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SHERIFF'S SALE
(SEAL) MIDDLESEX, S.S.,

Taken on execution and will be sold by public auction on the eighth day of April, 2004, at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., at the Sheriff's Office at 97 Central Street, Suite 200, Lowell, Massachusetts, in the county of Middlesex, all the right, title and interest that said Barbara S. Scalia aka Barbara Scalia of 42 Saunders Circle, Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex had (not exempt by law from levy on execution or from attachment) on the fifth day of April, 2000, being the time when the same was attached on Mesne process, in and to the following described real estate, to wit: 204 Pleasant Street, Tewksbury, MA.

The land in Tewksbury on the southerly side of Pleasant Street, being shown as Lot B on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Tewksbury, Mass. owned by George T. Nawn dated February 1, 1988, Robert P. Morris R.P.L.S." which plan is recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 153, Plan 92, bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY by Pleasant Street, 33.82 feet;

NORTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of Roper and land now or formerly of McGoldrick, 183.28 feet;

EASTERLY by land now or formerly of McGoldrick, 82.19 feet;

SOUTHERLY by land now or formerly of Town of Tewksbury, 171.28 feet;

WESTERLY by land now or formerly of Town of Tewksbury, 108.86 feet;

NORTHERLY by Lot A, as shown on said plan, 181.75 feet;

SOUTHWESTERLY by two courses, by Lot A, as shown on said plan measuring 120.92 feet and 33.88 feet respectively.

Lot B contains 25,255 square feet according to said plan.

Said premises are conveyed subject to a right of way referenced in three deeds recorded in Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Book 4319, Page 319, Book 4352, Page 203, and Book 4492, Page 150.

Being the same premises conveyed to the grantor herein by deed of Michael P. Patenaude, dated October 21, 1988 and recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Book 4696, Page 297.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

NOTICE OF PLANNING BOARD HEARING
Relative to
Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendments

Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, Section 5

The Planning Board of the Town of Tewksbury will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning By-Laws as submitted for the May 3, 2004 Annual Town Meeting. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Place: Town of Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA.

Date: Monday, April 5, 2004

Time 7:00 pm

The subject matter of the proposed amendments are as indicated below. The complete text relative to the proposed amendments are available for inspection during regular business hours at the following places:

Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA

Planning and Conservation Office, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA

Article To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law, Appendix A, Table of Use Regulations, Section C, Lines 33. Garaging or parking or one light commercial vehicle, 34. Garaging or parking of two light commercial vehicles, 35. Garaging or parking of three or more light commercial vehicles, 36. Garaging or parking of one heavy commercial vehicle, 37. Garaging of parking of two or more heavy commercial vehicles by inserting "(Accessory Use Only)" in each use block.

Article To see if the Town will vote to delete Sections 5123 and 5150 of the Zoning By-Law. Deletion of these sections would remove small car parking provisions from the Zoning By-Law.

Article To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law Sections 5140 by changing the width of a parking stall from 9 feet to 9.5 feet.

Article To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by deleting Section 8400, interstate overlay District in its entirety.

Article To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law Section 8402 of the Interstate Overlay District by adding language that would allow for uses in the underlying districts to be controlled by Appendix A: Table of Use Regulations.

Article To see if the Town will vote to delete the current Section 5434 of the Zoning By-Law and replace with the following: 5434 Snow storage shall be designated as a separate area exclusive of required landscaping and paved parking areas. For lots greater than 100 spaces, snow storage is required at 5,000 square feet of area per 43,560 square feet (1 acre) of parking lot shown on a plan. The Planning Board may allow for a snow removal plan to reduce the amount of area specifically designed as snow storage.

Article To see if the Town will vote to create a new Section 7500-Open Space Residential Design in the Zoning By-Law allowing for greater flexibility in residential subdivisions while encouraging permanent preservation of open space, wildlife, habitat, and other natural resources.

Article To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by adding the following Section: 4132. Pre-existing non-conforming residential lots (R-40, R-80, TR) of 15,000 square feet or less shall be allowed to have a maximum lot coverage of up to 20%.

3.17.04,3.24.04 The Tewksbury Planning Board
3856 Vincent Spada, Chairman

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
SITE PLAN AND USE SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 5, 2004 at 6:45 PM in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Larkin & Larkin for a Site Plan and Use Special Permit for a proposed 9,600 square foot industrial garage with associated driveways, parking and utilities.

Said property is located at 32 Highland Avenue, Assessor's Map 3, Lot 6, zoned Heavy Industry.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA, during 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

3.17.04,3.24.04 Steven J. Sadwick,
3857 Director

Tewksbury youth girls hoop

Rockers edge out Sparks, 16-15

Junior Division

Rockers 16 vs. Sparks 15

The whole team pulled together and played together and played the best of the season to clinch a spot in the championship game.

Kaylyn Michaud, Emily Fugate and Taryn Temmallo played outstanding in the third quarter. Ashley Toland made the game winning free throw and with the support of Shelby Madore, Meghan Hamilton and Maddalena Lovejoy held on for the win. Scoring for the Rockers were Shelby Madore (eight points), Kaylyn Michaud (five points), Emily Fugate (two points) and Ashley Toland (one point). Defensive player of the game: The whole team!

An extremely hard fought battle that came right down to the final seconds. Taylor Marshall, Alyssa Kelly, Alyssa Martucci and Taylor Tirrell led a balanced scoring attack. Amy DeFrancesco, Alyssa Kelly and Jesse Bissett led an aggressive defensive effort.

It was the third hard battle that left both teams drained. Scoring two points each for the Sparks were Jamie Ricciardi, Alyssa Martucci, Alyssa Kelly, Amy DeFrancesco and Taylar Tirrell.

Also scoring were Taylor Marshall with four points and Sarah Reynolds with one. Amy DeFrancesco was named defensive player of the game. Good Luck to the Rockers.

Comets 21 vs. Liberty 11

A great team effort by the Comets to beat a good Liberty team. Seven different players had points, led by Grace Carew (six points), Michelle Gavin (four points) and Shannon Mackey (three points). Scoring two points each were Jamie Flynn, Natalie Starliper, Kristen Mader and Krista Petrone. Kristen Mader led an inspired defense with many tipped passes and defensive rebounds.

Brooke Litwinsky, Liz McVey, Kelley Bowers and Hayley Austin were also very aggressive with nonstop hustle.

Exciting game with terrific ball movement by both teams. Great passing by Sarah Hogan, Elizabeth Wheeler and Katelyn Doherty. Excellent rebounding by Sydnie Lopolito and Emily Wheeler.

We missed Sarah Bresette and Emily Guiliani who were unable to play. Scoring for the Liberty were Brooke Mallahan (five points), Kimberly Fairweather (three points), Leanne Tucker (two points) and Katelyn Doherty (one points). Gina Papageorgiou was named defensive player of the game. Good Luck to the Comets in the finals.

Intermediate Division

Terriers 30 vs. Waves 29

The Terriers and the Waves met for the third time this season, and these teams could not be more evenly matched. This game was close all of the way through, but the Terriers were able to hold onto a one point victory.

The squad of Emily Pontes, Abigail Pinard, Megan Luppi, Bianca Barboza, and Nicole Fleming played extremely well in the first and third quarters, scoring most of the teams points. The squad of Alice Zottoli, Kelly McInnis, Caitlin MacNeil, Amanda Fleming, and Kayla Velozo played against the Waves' best scorers. They worked very hard defensively, and watched a last second shot by the Waves miss the mark.

Scoring for the Terriers were Megan Luppi (eight points), Caitlin MacNeil and Emily Pontes (seven points), Bianca Barboza (six points) and Alice Zottoli (two points). Nicole Fleming was named defensive player of the game. The Terriers advance to the championship game to play the Cardinals.

Despite a great effort, the Waves wound up on the short end of the stick. A slow start and many turnovers in the first half of this game had the Waves behind by as many as nine points. A sound second half got the Waves back into the game. With a strong offensive surge, the Waves forced two of the Terriers strongest players into foul trouble and brought the Waves within one point to tie the game with 56 seconds left on the clock. A foul against the Waves with two seconds left killed all hopes of a tie in regulation.

Scoring for the Waves were Danielle Depierro (15 points), Amber Wishart (six points), Carlie Parent, Jessica Fortier, Courtney Nobrega and Brook Alokonis (two points each). Amber Wishart was named defensive player of the game. Waves keep your heads high! You had a wonderful season and should be proud of yourselves. I enjoyed being you coach and I hope you had fun and gained some basketball knowledge.

Cardinals 28 vs. Wolverines 26

The Cardinals pulled off a win against the #1 placed Wolverines team. Only up by one point at the half, the Cardinals were able to score 15 points to the Wolverines 3 points in the third quarter.

The Cardinals didn,t score much in the fourth, but played strong defense to hold onto a victory. High scorers for the Cardinals were Paige Gumbrecht (14 points), Samantha Fernandez (six points) and Nicole Harrison (four points). The Cardinals move on to face the Terriers in the finals.

A very successful season for the Wolverines has come to an end, sooner than they would have liked, as they overcame a 15 point third quarter deficit in the fourth quarter only to find themselves at the short end of a two-point final score, 28-26, to the Cardinals. Both teams had one goal in mind... to reach the Finals.

The Wolverines, to repeat what they had done last year, and the Cardinals, to make their first trip to the Last Dance. Both teams played all out not giving in.

The Wolverines then altered their strategy in the third quarter, hoping that if a Cardinal rush had overcome them, they would be able to overcome any deficit they encountered in the fourth quarter. Thus, finding they had to work back from a 15-point Cardinal lead in the fourth quarter. They began their quest, chipping away at the score, finally to find themselves down by only two. These girls were tired but refused to succumb. They had made some nice steals and key rebounds. They had several chances to tie the score and even go ahead, but couldn't convert as time ran out.

However, the Wolverine girls should hold their heads up high as they are the Intermediate Division Champions and they had won this title by hard work and great team play. The more experienced players worked with the novices and helped them improve their game, and the entire team grew together as one unit. This Wolverines team showed exemplary efforts to become the best they could through discipline, determination, and hard work. They accomplished this to the highest degree. In the last two seasons they accumulated a 17-7 record, after not winning a game the season before.

The coaching staff is very proud to be associated with girls of this caliber and wish to thank them for their dedication and the joy they brought to our team, some of them this year and some of them the past two years. Some will move up to the Senior Division, some will remain on the team for one more year. We hope you've had fun these last years.

We would also like to thank the families for their never-ending support. It makes a big difference. Good Luck in your futures. It has been our pleasure. The coach would also like to note what an honor it was to have his house "toilet papered".

The girls would like to thank Head Coach Vini Messina and Assistant Coach Dave McCarthy for all their time and hard work. Thanks for making our season fun.

Senior Division

Jazz 49 vs. Pacers 37

High scorers for the Jazz were Laura Callan (16 points), Lauren Chamberland (13 points) and Mary Lane (eight points).

High scorers for the Pacers were Caitlin Goffman (15 points) and Erica Belliveau (12 points).

Raptors 26 vs. Magic 22

A tough defensive game on both sides. Hadley Santos and Jullianne Igo showed great persistence on the boards, while Stephanie Fernandez and Kristen Boncore made key defensive plays at important moments. The Magic played tough and deserve credit for a great game. High scorers for the Raptors were Christina Cognato (12 points), Shelagh Sullivan (eight points) and Jenna O,Shea (four points). Taylor Hachey and Kathleen O,Neill were named defensive players of the game. It was the third meeting of the two teams, but the first win for the Raptors. Great job on both sides!

High scorers for the Magic were Leanne Belmonte (nine points) nd Chelsea Cormier (six points).

Final Games of the Season

Junior Division

Comets 22 vs. Rockers 12

Comets win Junior Division Championship in a hard fought battle against the Rockers. Both teams started slowly in this big game and the Comets pulled ahead by six points at halftime. The Rockers started to claw their way back in the game in the second half. But on this day, the Comets were not to be denied and pulled away in the fourth quarter to win the Championship.

The Comets scoring was led by Michelle Gavin with eight points, Krista Petrone had six points, Grace Carew with four points and Jamie Flynn and Hayley Austin had two points each. Natalie Starliper sparked the defense with four rebounds on the defensive end and three steals. The whole team did a great defensive job especially Kelly Bowers, Kristen Mader, Brook Litwinsky and Shannon Mackey.

A great team win to end the season as Champs!

The Rockers girls should be proud! They had an amazing season! Scoring for the Rockers were Meghan Hamilton (six points), Shelby Madore (five points) and Ashley Toland (one point). Defensive players of the game were Ashley Toland and Meghan Hamilton.

Intermediate Division

Terriers 27 vs. Cardinals 25

This was a terrific game, and a very fitting way to end the season. Every girl on the Terriers and Cardinals deserves congratulations for playing such a wonderful game. These two teams were absolutely even at the end of four quarters, and the game went into overtime. With the score tied 25-25, it looked like double overtime was going to be played. The Terriers had the last possession of overtime. Caitlin MacNeil dribbled the ball up the court with 10 seconds left. Caitlin passed to Bianca Barboza at the foul line. Bianca missed her shot with 6 seconds left, but Alice Zottoli got the rebound. Alice missed her shot, but Emily Pontes got that rebound. Emily shot the ball off of the glass and into the basket to win the game at the buzzer.

This has been a magical season for the Terriers. They finished the regular season in a first place tie, and then topped it off with the playoff championship. These girls worked very hard all season and really deserved this ending.

High scorers for the Terriers were Emily Pontes (14 points) and Bianca Barboza (10 points). Amanda Fleming was named defensive player of the game. A big thank you and congratulations to the Cardinals. They are a very good team that was playing their best basketball of the year at the right time. All of the Terriers would like to thank Kevin Pinard for being our scorekeeper all season.

The coaches, Dan MacNeil and Ken Luppi would like to thank all of the girls for a great season. This is a very nice group of girls and a pleasure to work with.

The champion Terriers are: Alice Zottoli, Caitlin MacNeil, Kelly McInnis, Bianca Barboza, Nicole Fleming, Amanda Fleming, Abigail Pinard, Kayla Velozo, Emily Pontes,and Marie Boisvert.

High scorers for the Cardinals were Samantha Fernandez (10 points), Paige Gumbrecht (six points) and Shannon Sullivan (four points).

Senior Division

Raptors 27 vs. Jazz 23

Congratulations to both teams for a tremendous effort in a very well played and hard fought game. The Jazz were tough and made the Raptors work very hard for every point. Outstanding defense by Taylor Hachey and Kathleen O'Neill with lots of help in key situations by Hadley Santos, Stephanie Fernandez, and Shelagh Sullivan, who also did a good job running the floor from the guard position.

Christina Cognato was dominant on the boards, as were Jenna O'Shea and Jullian Igo. Kristin Boncore chipped in with great hustle, as she has done all year. High scorers for the Raptors were Christina Cognato (10 points) and Taylor Hachey (eight points).

Defensive players of the game were Taylor Hachey and Kathleen O'Neill. The Raptor girls should be very proud of themselves for a great day, great teamwork, great win, and just a great group of girls.

High scorers for the Jazz were Lauren Chamberland (nine points), Jenn Foley and Laura Callan (four points each).

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Tewksbury youth boys basketball

Friars take home Intermediate Division Championship

Intermediate Division:
Friars 57, Jazz 40

The Friars won the Intermediate League Championship on Saturday morning - 57 to 40 against a very tough and skilled Jazz team.

The Jazz were playing without two of their top players but that did not stop them from playing hard the entire game. The Friars were just to tough to stop and had to many weapons for the shorthanded Jazz. All 12 Friar players scored points in this game and that's the way this team has played all year - team offense and team defense.

The Friars defense was intense in the first quarter holding the Jazz to only two points while scoring 12. The second quarter the defense continued to play tough and the offense was matching them basket for basket. The Friars extended their lead going into the half, 26 to 10.

After the half the Friars started to wear them down on the boards and increased their lead to 42 - 18, but the Jazz did not stop playing and continued to work hard for points. The Friars continued to play tough "D" and pretty well match them basket for basket to win the game, 57 - 40.

The Friars offense was lead by Klye Stocki (12 points), John Callahan (11 points), Sean Helm and Sean Hurley (6 points each), James Berkley, Sean McCormick, and Peter Martel (4 points each) and Kevin Kapust, Kevin Giannattasio, Timmy Hurley, Danny Rose and Chris Hayes (2 points each).

The Coaches last "Tommy Point for Defense" goes to the entire Friar team. They played outstanding and should be very proud of themselves. It was a pleasure to coach this team of young men. Way to go Friars!

Senior Division:
Suns 51 vs Pacers 41

This game had everything you were looking for in a play-off game...lead changes, three-point shots, critical interceptions for both sides, and hard working athletes. During the first period, both teams drove the basketball up and down the court in an attempt to start the scoring. Brian Dunne's infamous three-pointers were stifled by a tough opposition.

It was Matt Bradley who started the scoring for the Suns with a three-point basket. Chris Brennan continued the scoring for the Suns with two much-needed baskets. At the end of the first quarter, the Suns trailed the Pacers 11 - 7.

The second quarter was another great example of championship play. Jim Tarpey started the scoring off with a nice three pointer. Brian Sullivan dropped in one basket and, after taking over for Tarpey's big efforts under the boards, drove to the hoop, drawing the foul in the process. The basket was good, and on to the line for the extra point.

Mike Giannatassio frustrated the opposition with his unrelenting defensive play. Anthony Miano went three for four at the foul line. Miano had the monumental task of trying to shut down the Pacers' big guy, Pat Sugrue, but he was missing something that his coaches would help him find later in the game.

The Suns were still trailing coming into the second half, but that only fueled the fire for the entire Suns team. Matt Bradley started the half off with a nice jump shot for two points. Mark Pitts delivered three of his five points on the day with a beautiful shot from outside.

On his next attempt to make three, Pitts had to move to the foul line where he sunk another two. Casey Regan stayed tough at both ends of the court, hauling down rebounds and feeding teammates. Derek Murphy continued the team's efforts with many rebounds adding to the Suns defensive mastery. Matt Bradley grabbed one of those rebounds to tie the game, but only for the moment, as the Pacers team yet again pulled away.

The quarter ended with the Pacer's still out in front, 35 to 31.

The fourth quarter was the last chance for the Suns to turn things around in their favor. They had trailed the whole game. Brian Sullivan got the in bound pass for two more of his 15 point total. TJ Greene got another pass and landed two of his four points. Sullivan got two more after a pump Fake. Anthony Miano still had to live up to the task of shutting down the Pacers' big guy.

At the half, he was told that he needed to believe in his abilities and have confidence in what could be.

The fourth quarter definitely proved it as their big guy did not even get the ball, due to Miano's great defensive coverage and boxing out, which impacted the game to no end. But, what had to be the turning point of the game, with five minutes left to play, the Suns down 41 to 39, Anthony Miano excited the Suns fans by draining a long three pointer, despite being fouled, to take the lead 42-41. Miano missed the free throw, but followed his shot, got his rebound and drove in for another two points, increasing the lead.

Then on the next offensive play, Anthony Miano hit for another three pointer, as the Suns gained momentum. Brian Sullivan demonstrated many times his ball handling abilities and his understanding of where teammates were positioned for passes. Mike Giannatassio, who had but one assignment for the game, stop one of the best three point shooters and scorers on the team. Mike was up to the challenge, holding him to only five points, and stopping the long ball.

Mike Giannatassio was outstanding in this capacity, which also impacted the game to no end. TJ Greene had to stop the fast break kid, and proved that he was also up to the challenge, keeping him to just one 3-point shot, early in the fourth quarter. The complete unselfish game style of the Suns is one of the most rewarding visions for a coach to take in.

One of the biggest success stories on the court was the Suns' ability to communicate with each other, calling out the picks and switching off when a teammate got into trouble. The game ended with a hard fought 51 to 41 victory for the Suns. You are the senior league town champions. Congratulations to both teams for an excellent game.

Coaches final notes: I would like to thank our newspaper writer, Anne Murphy, for her great play by play reporting. Maryellen Sullivan, for keeping our score board through out the season. My assistant coaches, Larry Bradley and Ron Brennan.

Also, all the parents for getting the kids to the practices and games. Most importantly, I would like to thank my wife, Christine Miano, for all of her support. Suns, thank you for the lifetime of memories. Sincerely, Ken Miano

The Championship game between the Pacers and the Suns was an exciting one. It was a close game throughout the first half, with the Pacers up by four points. In the second half, the Suns slowly ran away with the lead by fourth quarter, out-hustling the Pacers for the Championship win.

Offensive stand outs are credited to Derek Agaiar with 11 points, Pat Sugrue with 10 points, Shane Riddle with 8 points, Bryan O'Keefe with 5 points, Charlie Lucia with 3 points, Kevin Lundbohm with 2 points, and Kevin Moran with 2 points.

A tough defense was played by Mike Reichert, James Maksian, Sean Nunes, and Brendan McElroy.

Coaches comments: Congratulations, Suns on your Championship win, it was a great game. Also congratulations to the Pacers, for making it as far as you did. You came together as a team throughout the year and showed much improvement.

It was a pleasure coaching eleven of the finest young men in Tewksbury. We're looking forward to seeing most of you back next season.

Junior Division:
Lakers 32, Spurs 22

The Lakers won the Junior Division Championship on Saturday against a very talented and well coached Spurs team. The Lakers played with the same talent and determination that got them to the big game. David Minichiello (5 points) displayed great ball handling and passing against a tough Spurs defense.

Kurt Chandler was everywhere with great defense, passing, picking and four points. Joe Vitale (2 points) and Michael Falcone each did a great job on the boards for their line ups. Mark Daley played his usual terrific defense with Tyler Stein playing awesome defense and setting key picks as well.

The second line was lead by Craig Semenza with ten points and spectacular ball handling. Patrick Taylor (5 points) and James Peddle (6 points) each kicked some key points along with great defense. Bradley Gahagan did a superb job stopping the ball and disrupting the Spurs momentum.

Michael Begonis was a huge factor with his domitating rebounding and passing game.

The Laker's coaches would like to thank the players and parents for a terrific season. This year's team was made up of a great group of kids who deserve to take home a championship trophy.

The Spurs came up short in the big game, but have nothing to hang their heads about. The Spurs were not expected to make it this far, bur they came together as a team and played some great basketball in the playoffs. In this game the spurs were in it until the end of the fourth quarter when the Lakers hit some great shots.

They pulled out to a ten point lead and the spurs could not come back on the great defense by the Lakers.

The Spurs had a great game from the whole team: Brian Johnson, Richard Kirby, Brandon Hanifin, Frank Ferriana, Michael Doucette, Sean Doucette, James Farley, Jacob Theisen, Billy Gavin, Ryan Eatherton and Scott Thurlow. Great Job Guys.

Hats off to the Lakers who were coached by Bruce Taylor. Bruce has to be very proud of himself and his team winning back to back championships. In closing I would like to thank the Junior Rep., Bob Connolly, for all the hard work he put forth this season.

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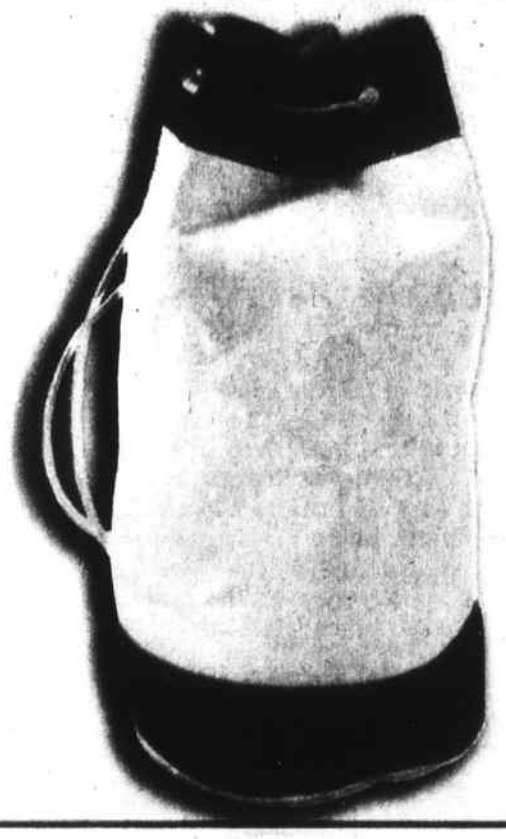
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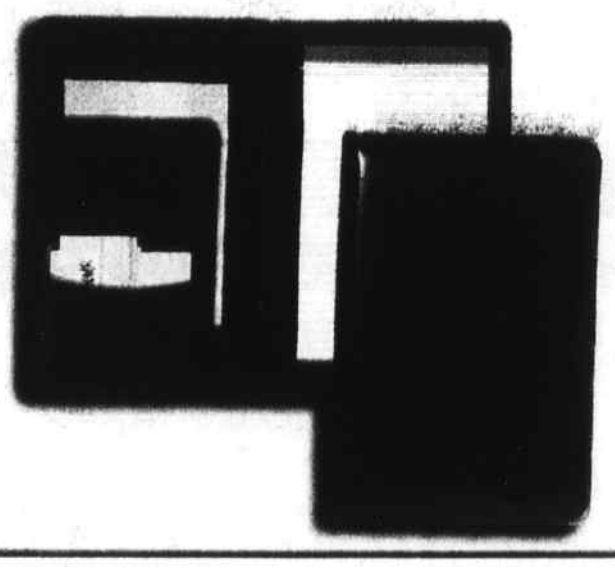
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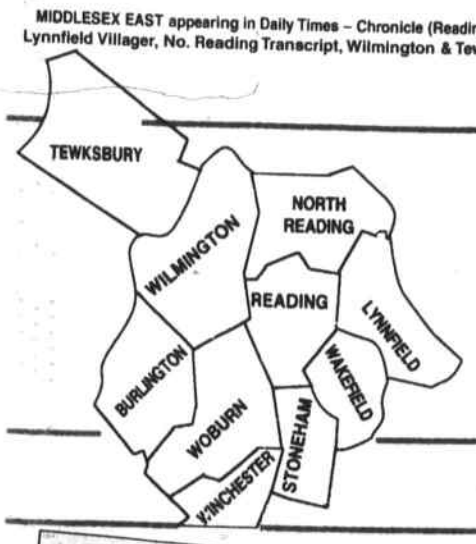
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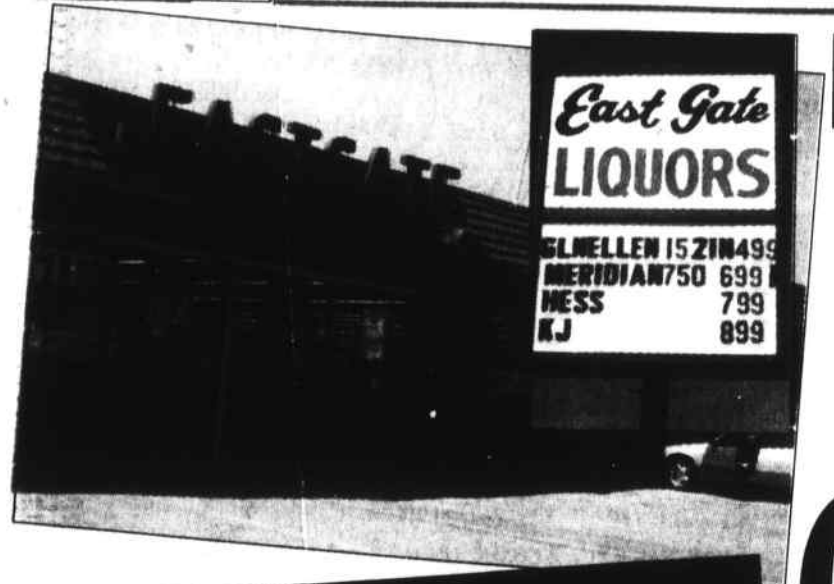
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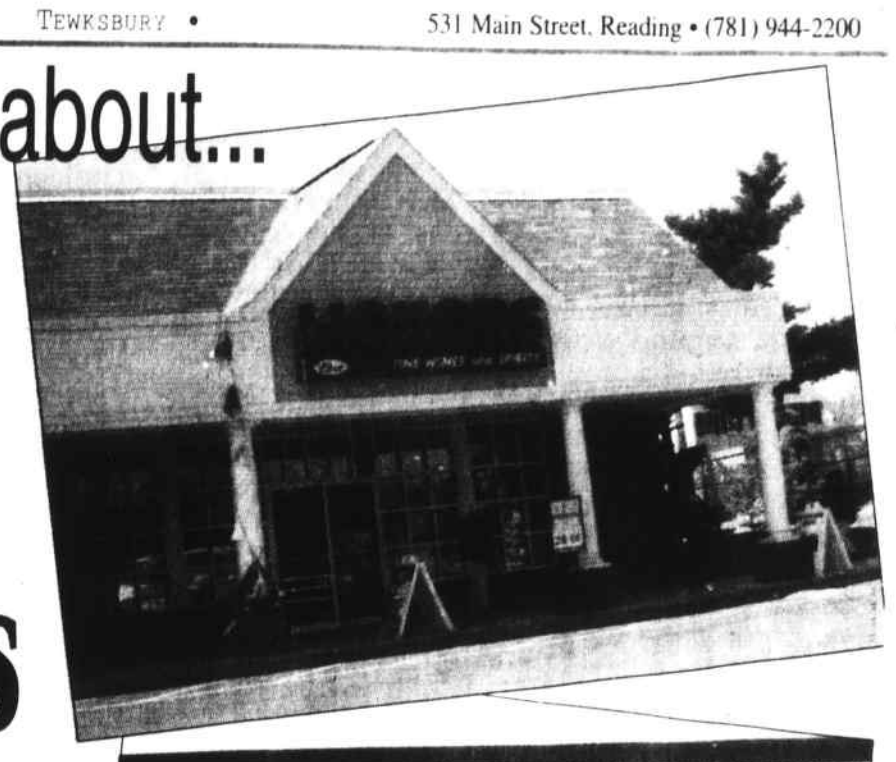
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Mixed feelings about...

Sunday Openings







By Doug Wood-Boyle

Liquor store owners, in the southern portion of the Middlesex East area, are seeing a positive effect on sales with the new Sunday hours they are allowed to keep. However, the feelings are mixed, with many of the owners looking for a statewide closing on the day of rest.

"I'd like to see longer openings during the week," Ray Connolly, owner of Woburn's East Woburn Liquors said. "Perhaps later store hours Monday through Saturday and everyone in the state would be closed on Sunday."

Dave Norden, owner of Burlington's Liquor Cabinet said, "I have been very happy with opening on Sunday. It does require extra help."

However, he added a caveat, "If they all closed on Sundays, I would be all for it. If one store is open, we should all be able to stay open."

Referring to the days before the liquor laws changed in January, Norden said, "Stores in Wilmington and Billerica were able to open when I was closed."

Liquor store openings are controlled by State Law and are under the jurisdiction of both state and local regulators. Up to ten years ago, state law closed all liquor stores in Massachusetts on Sunday. However, store owners in the northern part of the state, along the New Hampshire border, claimed they were losing too many customers to the State run package stores in New Hampshire, which were opened on Sunday.

To rectify this, the Massachusetts law was amended to allow stores in communities within 10 miles of the border to open, with the permission of the local regulators. This was later amended to allow all stores in the state to open on Sundays for a brief period during the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Eastgate Liquors with stores in Wilmington and North Reading was among the chosen ones that could stay open on Sundays throughout the year.

Danny Walls, general manager of the two stores said, "It was unique, we (the Wilmington store) were the first store you hit coming from Boston."

Sunday openings to S-14

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Savory Tastes has Grand Opening

Savory Tastes Cafe, one of the area's newest restaurants, will be celebrating the opening of the new business on the night of Saturday, April 3, with a birthday party for the chef.

Executive Chef Stephen O. Bell and his wife Janice A. Nearen Bell have also announced that there will be a fundraising dinner for the Reading/North Reading Chamber of Commerce on April 12.

At the April 3 event, the restaurant's dinner guests will be treated to a free dessert from 5:30 p.m. through 10:30 p.m. in celebration of Chef Bell's birthday.

"I love to cook! What better birthday present could there be than to open a new restaurant, do what I love and celebrate my birthday with patrons?" Chef Bell remarked. "This is my way of saying 'Thank You.'"

On Monday, April 12, Savory Tastes Cafe will host a special four-course meal to benefit the area Chamber's road race.

The restaurant will host 75 guests in two sittings; the first sitting from 5:30 through 7:00 p.m. and the second sitting from 7:30 through 9:00 p.m.

Dinner will include one appetizer, salad, entree and dessert with coffee.

Reservations are required. Tickets to this upcoming fundraiser are $15 each and are available by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 781-944-8824.

Bell is a former executive chef at Fleet Bank in Boston. Over the past several years, he has built a full-service catering company.

Bell's experience as a chef, combined with Nearen-Bell's experience in business, management and human resources, prompted the couple to open Savory Tastes Cafe as the culmination of their personal and professional goals.

The Bell's goals included combining their business skills and talents; offering superb food in a cordial atmosphere of casual fine dining and the couple also sought to remain active, contributing citizens in the community.

The Bells look forward to making Savory Tastes Cafe a special gathering place, featuring exquisite cuisine.

Savory Tastes Cafe is located at 601 Main street in Reading and features American Bistro cuisine.

Dinner is served on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; on Friday and Saturday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Late night dessert is served on Friday and Saturday evenings from 10:00 p.m. through 11:00 p.m.

For more information, go online to www.savorytastes.com or call the Savory Tastes Cafe at 781-942-8287.



LIBBY COLBERT (R) OF CAFE SIX-O-SEVEN welcomes new neighboring restaurant Savory Tastes Cafe's owners husband and wife Chef Stephen Bel and Janice Nearen-Bell to Main Street in Reading. Savory Tastes Cafe, located at 601 Main Street, features American bistro cuisine. Dinner is served Tuesday to Thursday 5:30 to 10 p.m.and Friday and Saturday 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. with late night desserts from 10 to 11:30.



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At A.B.C. Flea Market
Non-profit sale space available

The recently established flea market off Walker Brook Drive in Reading continues to make space available at no cost to area non-profit agencies.

According to Gordon C. Lane, owner of the A.B.C. Flea Market, a dealer table is earmarked for local organizations to use for fundraising or educational projects.

The table may be used for yard sale type merchandise, bake sales (with town health department permit), or sale of merchandise for of specific agencies. Lane noted that PAWS, the first group to use the table, sold its Tee shirts and other merchandise while providing educational literature about the organization.

The A.B.C. Flea Mart already provides free space to EMARC for the sale of food and coffee, an activity Lane described as being "very successful thus far, for both EMARC and our customers."

The space also can be used for special collections such as "Toys for Tots," and items for food pantries, or clothing for the homeless.

Groups such as churches, service clubs, senior citizens, special needs, youth organizations and other qualified agencies are encouraged to use the table.

Lane said that within the next week he plans to have a pegboard mounted behind the non profit table to provide a location for a sign or banner announcing the group's location as well as having space to display merchandise or other material. Plans also call for a major expansion of the flea market, in which can an entire booth, with tables and chairs will be available to the agencies.

Lane said that while the table would be available, for example, to a Girl Scout troop to sell cookies to benefit the troop, "it would not be fair for just one or two girls to use it to sell cookies." He also said the table would not be available just to raise money without something sold or material collected, except in cases of emergency such as aiding fire victims. Also, use must be non-political, he said.

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Applications are available in the Drama, Music and Guidance Offices of Wakefield, Reading, Melrose, Saugus, Lynnfield, Stoneham, Woburn, Wilmington and North Reading High Schools or at the QP web site www.qptheater.com.

This year they will be giving the scholarship in memory of long time friend and QP Life Member Mary Riley of Wakefield. Mary chaired the Scholarship Committee for many years. She was also a wonderful actress, and in her more than 40 years with the players she did whatever was needed for the well being of the organization.

Mary's family has donated an additional $1,000 to the QP Scholarship Fund this year in her memory. Mary was an inspiration to us all and it gives us great pleasure that we continue to support one of Mary's passions - the QP scholarship.

Applications should be sent to the Quannapowitt Players, 55 Hopkins Street, Reading, MA 01867-3917. Attn: Scholarship. QP is extending the scholarship deadline to April 16. Call 781-942-2212 with questions.

PAWS pet adoption event this Saturday

WAKEFIELD - The Protection of Animals in Wakefield Society (PAWS) will hold a pet adoption event this coming Saturday, March 27, from 10:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. at VCA Wakefield Animal Hospital, 19 Main Street, Wakefield.

For anyone who is unable to attend this Saturday's adoption session, but would like to adopt a homeless pet, please note that cats, kittens, dogs and bunnies can also be seen by appointment during the week.

Please consider fostering cats, or volunteering in any capacity for PAWS. This non-profit organization could certainly use your help.

Founded in Wakefield 1982, PAWS is a non-profit, all volunteer organization whose purpose is to promote and protect the rights and well being of domestic animals and wildlife, and to foster a greater understanding of animal rights and welfare through education.

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About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

CULTIVATING LOCAL RESOURCES

Drinking in Burlington

"The sticking point with Town Meeting involving the TRW Park water bubbler was whether the need was an 'emergency,' because the money would have come from a reserve fund transfer," notes the Burlington edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Enough members thought it was, as the body voted by a standing majority to approve $5,000 for the water line and bubbler at the park.

"The money will come from the Ways and Means Committee contingency fund.

"Robert Shea, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, said his panel voted 11-0 against the recommendation.

"'The contingency fund is for emergency purposes and we did not think it is an emergency,' Shea told the body.

"'We haven't even seen the engineering plans for this bubbler,' Shea continued. 'And these contingencies are usually done in May.'

"'Let the kids drink water,' said Precinct 2 Rep. Ann McNamara 'For $5,000, let's go for it.'

"Precinct 3 Rep. James Williams, who has been an advocate for revitalizing TRW Park and submitted the article to the selectmen, said 'one of the top items we talked about was a water bubbler for the park.'

"'People have waited a long time for this bubbler,' Williams also said. 'The use has gone up tremendously; the water bubbler is a necessity....'"

Not retiring in Woburn

"State Rep. Carol Donovan, D-Woburn, announced at the city's Democratic caucus that she will not be seeking re-election in November and would be retiring at the end of her current term," notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"She also endorsed Woburn resident Edward Quinn, who has not made a formal announcement, but confirmed he will be running.

"Ward 3 Alderman Scott Galvin also said he is 'definitely in' the race for the open seat. Galvin challenged Donovan for the seat in 1998. He made a good showing, but was ultimately unsuccessful.

"In an interview, Donovan, 66, who is completing her seventh term, said she was 'sad to go. It's something I've enjoyed doing, but I thought it was time.'

"She said sometime before her last election she started looking ahead a few years and thinking about when she might retire.

"'It's not easy, as you know, working under Mr. [House Speaker Thomas] Finneran,' she said. 'The final reason was last year - the redistricting.'

"She said there was no reason to break up Woburn into multiple districts other than as punishment (Donovan was among several legislators who opposed his redistricting plan which would have had two popular women legislators in Newton running against each other) and his deputies repeatedly lied to her about it, she added.

"In the decennial legislative redistricting she lost Woburn wards 1 and 7 and picked up parts of Reading and Stoneham. She said she felt an obligation to see the new district through a first term and won re-election from the new district without opposition in 2002.

"She noted the I-93/95 interchange project united the three communities and she has been pleased to represent citizens from all three.

"After 31 years as a teacher and 14 as a state representative, Donovan said she is ready to retire from working life, but she is 'not retiring from public life....'"

Walking in Wilmington

"The American Automobile Association (AAA) Southern New England held its annual luncheon honoring achievements in community traffic and pedestrian safety by Massachusetts cities and towns," notes the "Wilmington Town Crier."

"Wilmington received an award for finishing 2002 at 10 years or more without a pedestrian fatality. Police Lt. Larry Gillis, Officer Brian Moon, and Chief Bernard Nally received the award from Robert P. Murray, AAA Southern New England Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs.

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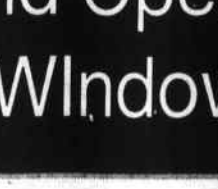
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Movie Reviews

by Paul Feely

"ETERNAL SUNSHINE" UNIQUE

MOVIE: "ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND"
GRADE: **

This story involves a man and a woman (played by Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet) who meet and have a romance, but then want out of their relationship, and decide to enlist the help of a doctor (played by Tom Wilkinson) to erase their minds of any memories of each other. Sound confusing?

After the work done by the doctor and his crew (which includes Mark Ruffalo and Elijah Wood), Carrey and Winslet meet again, unaware they have already had a relationship, and things start to get very weird.

The performances, including another strong one by Carrey in a dramatic, rather than a goofball, role are very strong, but the movie can be hard to follow. The script is very unique, and you will leave the theater knowing that what you have witnessed is unlike any other story you've seen before. Whether or not that is ultimately a good thing depends on how open you are to new experiences.

SHORTTAKES

MOVIE: "HIDALGO"
GRADE: **

Viggo Mortensen stars as Frank T. Robinson in this semi-true story about a long-distance endurance horse rider who enters the mother of all horse races, a 3,000 mile jaunt across the Arabian desert.

The film is directed by Joe Johnston, who brought such low-grade action hits as "The Rocketeer" to the big screen a few years back, and does his best to bring that somewhat tall tales Hopkins claims to have happened during his life (and this race) to life in a believable manner.

The movie is a somewhat of a let-down for any fans looking for Mortensen to put forth the same performance he did in "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, but he isn't given a whole lot to work with. The visuals are nice,. but there's only so much you can do when most of the main scenes you are in involve a man and his horse, along against the elements of the desert.

MOVIE: "THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST"
GRADE: ****

Director Mel Gibson has taken his passion in his religious beliefs and placed them on the big screen for all to see, and the result is as as spiritually moving as it is visually disturbing.

The story is based upon the last 12 hours in the life of Jesus Christ, from the moment when Judas betrays him for money, to the moment he is resurrected after being crucified for claiming to be the Messiah. These hours are filled with torture at the hands of Roman soldiers, including whippings and beatings, the placement of a crown of thorns upon his blood-soaked head, and the act of crucifying a human being itself.

Gibson holds nothing back, portraying the torture of Jesus in brutally honest terms. This film is not for the faint of heart, no matter how strong an individual may feel their faith is - be prepared to turn away from the screen for a few moments at a time, because the bloodshed may be too much to take.

The film is told using the languages of the time - Hebrew, Aramaic, and the like - but the fact that you must follow along reading English subtitles doesn't take anything away from the visuals on the screen.

The movie brought these events in the Bible to life for this reviewer more vividly in two hours than 10 years of CCD classes ever did, and awoke a new understanding of the story of Jesus in this individual. It may do the same for many others, but know that the visuals used to tell the tale take some getting used to.

MOVIE: "AGAINST THE ROPES"
GRADE: **

Meg Ryan's performance as a female boxing promoter almost saves this film from collapsing under the weight of the sports-movie cliches it has been saddled with. Almost.

The story is based on the life of Jackie Kallen (played by Ryan), an female executive assistant who goes out and creates a chance for her to pursue her true passion - managing a professional fighter, played by Omar Epps.

Ryan's performance is very strong and gritty, and Epps is also decent, but Tony Shalhoub's portrayal of a rival promoter, the film's villain in essence, is about as by-the-numbers an acting job as you are likely to see this year.

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Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

SPORTS SHORTS

•**MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA** Who served four separate stints as coach of the NHL's Boston Bruins? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

•A recent 9-0 win by the Bentley College baseball team featured big contributions by two local players. **READING'S STEVE GATH**, a freshman shortstop, led the team with four hits, while **READING'S TIM BRYANT**, a junior third baseman, contributed with a key double during the game.

•**CONGRATULATIONS TO READING'S LEO DESIMONE**, who guided the 2003-2004 Minuteman Technical School boys basketball team to a Division 4 state title. The Mustangs rolled along during the season to a 19-6 record, good for a share of the Commonwealth Conference Lower Division title (which it shared with Shawsheen Tech), but the 62-47 win over Cathedral at the FleetCenter was the crowning achievement of the year.

•The 10th annual Tewksbury Memorial High School Athletic Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony will be held on Friday, April 2, 2004 at the Tewksbury Country Club on Main Street in Tewksbury. This year's inductees are as follows:

- Ryan McNeal, 1993
- Timothy Lightfoot, 1991
- Christopher Mader, 1988
- Rob Alyward, 1986
- Michael Hurton, 1976
- Joanne Aldrich, 1972
- Richard Fortier, 1950

Al tickets are $35 each and are now available at the TMHS Athletic Office, 320 Pleasant Street, Tewksbury. The deadline for ticket purchases is Friday, March 26. Visit the office at 978-640-7834.

•Three **STONEHAM** players are having very big years for the Northeast regional Vocational School varsity boys hockey team this year, which competes at the Division III level. **WILL SCHRIMPF** finished fourth on the team in scoring with four goals and 13 assists, while his twin **CHRIS SCHRIMPF** had five goals and nine assists, while **NICK SMITH**, also of Stoneham, had two goals.

•Need some help on this week's trivia question? There is a trophy named after this gentleman.

•**THE TEWKSBURY HIGH SCHOOL** baseball team will once again participate this year in the Lawrence Invitational Tournament during Memorial Day weekend.

•There are several local names on the Wheaton College 2004 baseball roster. **READING'S MARK DEMASSE**, a sophomore, will likely serve as a pitcher and closer. Last year, DeMasse registered a team-best five saves, 3.15 ERA and an impressive 24 strikeouts in 20 innings. Also in the pitching rotation is **TEWKSBURY'S KEVIN DOHERTY**, a junior. Last year, Doherty was recovering from elbow surgery, and picked up a save in two games pitched in the limited action that he saw. **READING'S JESSE WOODS** serves as a first baseman, as well as senior co-captain for the team. Last year, Wheaton ranked 12 nationally in fielding percentage at .964, and Woods batted .239 with one home run and 10 runs batted in.

•**THE COLONIAL ADULT MASTERS SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TEAM** is recruiting new members for the 2003-2004 season. Prior experience on such a team is not needed, but eligible skaters must be age 25 by the preceding July 1. For more information call Team Manager Cheryl Milloy at 781-275-4476.

•**ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION:** Art Ross served as coach of the Boston Bruins through four separate tenures.

•**DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?** If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to readingchronicle@comcast.net; or mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports. P.O. Box 240, Reading, Ma., 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200 between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or fax information at 781-942-0884.

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Calendar of Events

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The Founding Chapter of the Mass. Mothers of Twins Assoc. (MMOTA) is holding its semi-annual used toy, equipment and clothing sale. The public can shop for bargains on a variety of infant, toddler and young children's items. It's best to shop early.

During the sale, the group is also collecting donations for Cradles to Crayons, a Boston area non-profit organization.

Admission is $1.0 There is ample parking available, and it's handicap and stroller accessible.

The date is Saturday, April 3 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Winchester High School cafeteria, 80 Skillings Road, Winchester.

OVEREATERS GROUP MEETS APRIL 24

A public information meeting by Overeaters Anonymous is scheduled for Saturday, April 24 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the First Congregational Church of Reading, corner of Woburn and Sanborn Streets in Reading center.

All are welcome to attend this informational meeting free of charge. This is a 12 step program open to anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. Come and ask questions. Witness the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual miracles in this method of recovery.

CRAFTS EXHIBIT IN STONEHAM

Stoneham Arts and Crafts Exhibit will be held at the Stoneham Public Library, Main Street, Stoneham on Friday April 23 from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission is free. Display of members hand crafted items, sales table, raffles, free refreshments.

RISK REDUCTION FOR WOMEN/KIDS

On Thursday, March 25 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Flint memorial Library, Rte. 62, North Reading. David Clark from the Reading Police Dept. will discuss risk reduction strategies for women and children.

Find out how to be better prepared in planes, trains, taxis and when exercising. Moms - please join in for an informative meeting. Mothers and More North Shore will sponsors the event. All are welcome.

PHOTOGRAPHICA '04 IN WALTHAM

A Photographica Show and Sale will be held at Waltham High School, 617 Lexington St, off Rte 128, exit 28

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SENIOR HEALTH FAIR MAY 5

A Senior Health Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 5 at the Medford Senior Drop-in Center, 101 Riverside Ave., Medford from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event is co-sponsored by the Senior Health Center of Lawrence Memorial Hospital and the Medford Drop-in Center. Available, at no charge, will be screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, skin, ear, balance, etc. as well as information on alternative therapies, community resources, diabetes, cancer, arthritis and nutrition.

Free refreshments and prizes. No registration. For more information call Joan Farren, RN at 781-391-1164.

VOLUNTEER TO PLAY WITH HOMELESS KIDS

Horizons For Homeless Children is seeking volunteers to play with children living in homeless shelters in your neighborhood and around greater Boston. A 2 hour weekly commitment for 6 months is required. The next training is on April 26 and 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. Call Karin 617-287-1900, ext. 306 for information.

COLLEGE FAIR IN TEWKSBURY

The Tenth annual College/Career Fair sponsored by the Tewksbury Public Schools will be held on Thursday, April 1, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of Tewksbury Memorial High School, 320 Pleasant St.

Students in grades 9 through 12 who are in the process of decision-making and planning for course selection for next year and/or for what to do when they graduate from high school are encouraged to attend with their parents or guardians.

The College/Career Fair may also be of interest to students currently in grades 5 through 8 who are interested in learning more about options or the future.

Representatives from more than 100 Universities and Colleges, from Bank, from the Military will be available to speak to interested students and individuals about opportunities and programs of study offered through their institutions or organizations.

For more information, please call Dr. Michele F. DeAngelis, Director of Student Services for the Tewksbury Public Schools at (978) 640-7837.

FLEA MARKET IN WAKEFIELD

An Annual Church Flea Market will be held on Saturday, April 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Wakefield, 326 Main St., across from Wakefield Post Office.

Lots of great stuff for all ages: toys, games, puzzles, glassware, kitchenware, small appliances & electronics, seasonal items, linens, jewelry, books, pictures, frames, etc. Coffee and Bake Sale too! Call (781) 245-4632 for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Greater Boston Academy, a private Christian high school with family-style boarding opportunities invites all interested eighth through eleventh graders (with or without their parents) to attend its 59th annual Academy Day/Open House on March 25 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

There will be such activities as classroom visitation, academic and recreational contests and musical performances.

Lunch will be provided. Parents are invited to the Open House in the evening to meet the principal and business manager in a Q&A session and see the facilities.

Greater Boston Academy's low faculty-student ratio makes this school unique in its ability to educate individuals who wish to elevate and develop their spiritual as well as academic goals.

GBA is located at 108 Pond Street in Stoneham, within easy access of routes 28 and 93. For more information and directions to the school call Diane Maloney or Rondi Aastrup at (781) 438-4253.

CANAL MUSEUM OPENS APRIL 3

The Middlesex Canal Museum will open for the season on April 3rd and continue on each Saturday and Sunday through September 26.

The hours are 12 to 4 p.m. each day. Plan to arrive at the Museum by 11:30 a.m. to prepare for opening and expect about 15-20 minutes to close the facility.

Special dates this year are RiverFest in June, Yankee Doodle Homecoming in Sept., Canal Heritage Days in October.

Questions, call (978) 670-2740.

CHILD CARE IN STONEHAM

The kindergarten and preschool classrooms from the Melrose YMCA Child Care Center in Stoneham are currently scheduling tours of their facility. These tours will be designed for you to speak with the teachers concerning the curriculum in the classroom. Offered are 2-3 and 5-day a week schedule with very low teacher-student ratios. Kindergarten runs 5 days a week full day. Employees have been with the centers fr many years and are certified to teach Preschool and Kindergarten.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to call Karen or Robin at (781) 279-2002 in order to schedule a tour. Location is at 39 Pleasant Street, Stoneham.

ENTERTAINMENT AT COMEDY ESCAPE

Dick Doherty's Comedy Escape at the China Blossom in North Andover has many special entertainers appearing in the coming weeks.

They include: on March 26 and 27 Rich Ceicler, EJ Murphy and Lance Buchanan will appear. April 2 and 3 Dick Doherty, Al Klemick, and Dan Sally. On April 9 and 10 Bob Seibel, Chris Oake and Joe List.

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IN LYNNFIELD

Please join the Saugus River Watershed Council for River Night 2004, an auction and dinner reception to benefit the Council's river restoration and youth environmental education programs.

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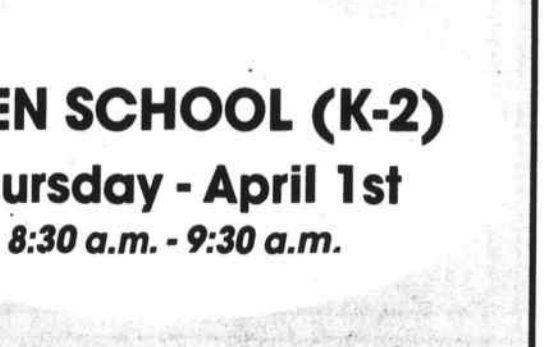
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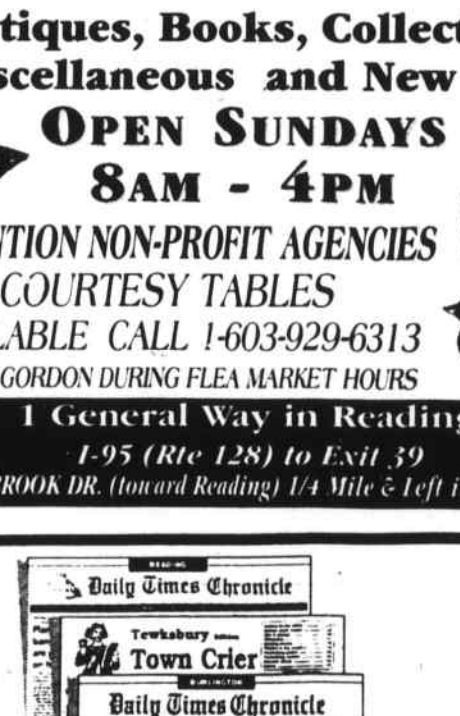
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To be healthy

Six facts women should know

American woman lead extremely stressful lives these days, trying to balance their professional, social and private lives while also maintaining good health.

Women's health and well-being are part of a complex balance of physical and emotional dynamics.

Staying healthy is about more than just taking a trip to the doctor's office. It's about paying attention to one's body to know what is normal and what could be a sign of an infection or other health concerns.

No matter how well a woman takes care of her body, without proper nutrition or regular exercise, it may still be difficult to consistently maintain good gynecological health. That's why every woman should learn to listen to her body's signals.

According to the experts at Vagisil, a maker of feminine care products, the following tips are six things every woman should know.

• Visits to a gynecologist should start between the ages of 13 and 15. That way, young women can be educated about their bodies early on.

• Make an appointment to have an annual pelvic exam to ensure you are healthy and free of infection and a pap smear, a test designed to detect cancer of the cervix.

• Educate yourself on the different symptoms and causes of vaginal infections. The more informed you are, the more steps you can take to maintain good health.

• Avoid undergarments made from nylon, polyester or other synthetic fabrics which don't allow air to flow. Cotton is best.

• Practice good hygiene by showering daily and using gentle products, such as those from Vagisil, which now contain a special odor-blocking technology.

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With the growing concern over environmental impurities, many people are trying detoxification as a means of cleansing the body and staying healthy.

What is detoxification? contrary to popular belief, detoxification is not a primary method of weight loss, nor does it have to be an expensive treatment.

It's the liver's job to break down many of the harmful substances that enter the body. Detoxification is the process of eliminating deep-rooted toxins from the body when the natural cleansing systems are no longer up to the task.

You can find safe and effective systems in your local health food store. Here are some tips before beginning any detox program:

• Avoid stimulant laxatives, which can deplete vitamins and minerals from your body, causing fatigue.

• During detox, drink at least 63 ounces of water a day; eat lots of vegetables, fruits and grains; and abe sure to avoid caffeine, alcohol and excess fat.

• Do not use a system more than four times a year without consulting your physician. Pregnant or nursing women should never use any type of detoxification system.

Decker Weiss, a scientific advisory board member for Enzymatic Therapy Inc., a manufacturer of supplements and natural medicines, estimates that by the end of 2005, 35 percent of adults ages 50 to 64 will try some type of natural detoxification program.

Weiss said detoxification should be gradual and gentle.

"Increasingly, people who are considering a detoxification program are looking for an alternative to harsh cleansing products," Weiss said.

Detoxification could be the first step to achieving physical well-being. For more information on Enzymatic Therapy's Whole Body Cleanse, go online to www.enzy.com/cleanse.

Health & Medicine

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Atlantic Audiology

Hearing aid seminar

The subject of hearing aids can be confusing. "There are conflicting stories about the benefits of hearing aids. Some people think hearing aids can not help people with "nerve damage." Some people think hearing aids can restore normal hearing," reports Mrs. Loleata Wigall, from Atlantic Audiology, Inc., Wakefield.

Some people think that hearing aids can not help them understand speech when they are in a noisy room with lots of people talking. Some people leave their hearing aids on from morning until night; they judge they cannot function without their hearing aids. Others only wear their hearing aids "when they need them".

"Hearing aids come in all sizes and shapes. It can be confusing about which model would be most beneficial for an individual's hearing loss," Mrs. Wigall states. Are the tiny completely in the canal, hearing aids helpful? Or, is the behind the ear model the only "good hearing aid". What about digital hearing aids? How do they work and are they complicated to manage? What advantage is there to wearing digital hearing aids?

These are just a few of the questions that will be addressed on Thursday, April 1st at the Topsfield Library from 10:30-12:30. The Library is located at 1 South Common Street, Topsfield. D.E.A.F., Inc., North Shore and Atlantic Audiology, Inc. are co-sponsoring this free educational seminar. Hearing loss is the third most chronic health problem in the United States today. "Educating the public about hearing loss is a priority for D.E.A.F, Inc.", reports Laura Brown from D.E.A.F., Inc.

For more information contact June Toth at 1-781-246-0305

What's cost of assisted living?

The MetLife Market Survey of Assisted Living Costs of 2003 found that the average cost of an assisted living facility in the United States is $2379 per month, or $28,548 per year.

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Choosing an Assisted Living Facility is one in a series of "Since You Care" guides for caregivers produced by the MetLife Mature Market Institute in cooperation with the National Alliance for Caregiving.

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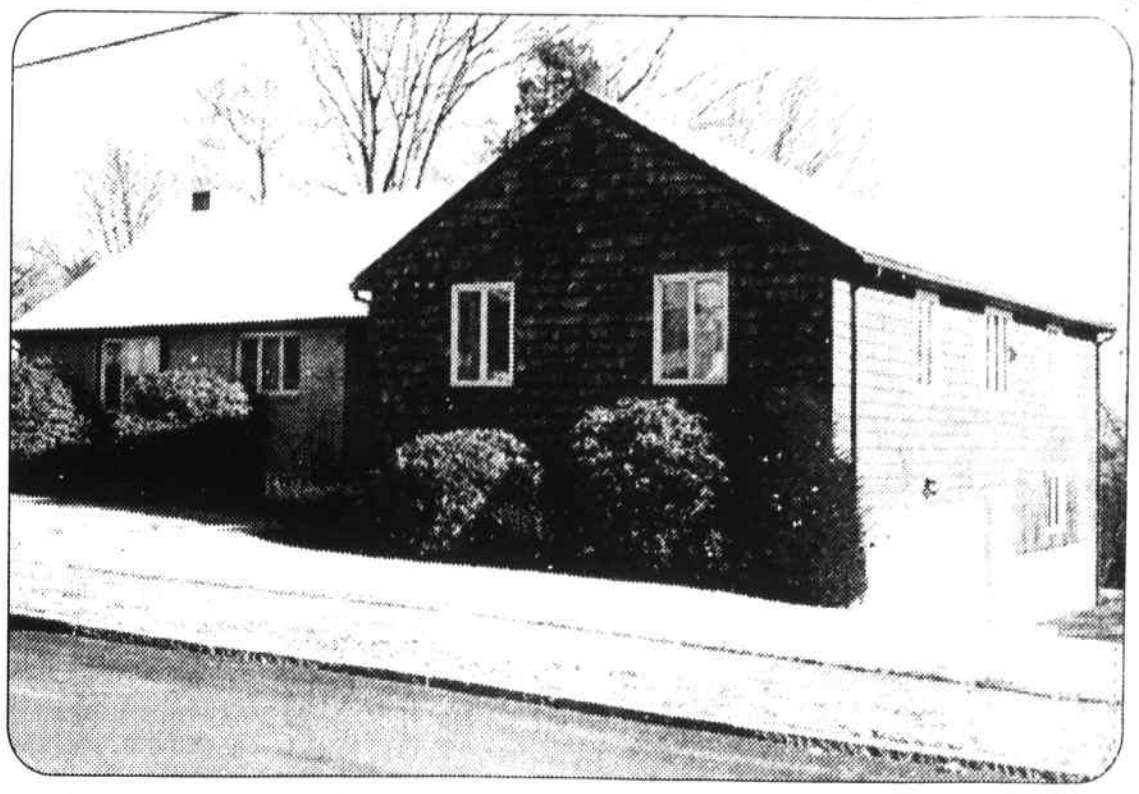
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This Week Wakefield

Rambling westside Ranch



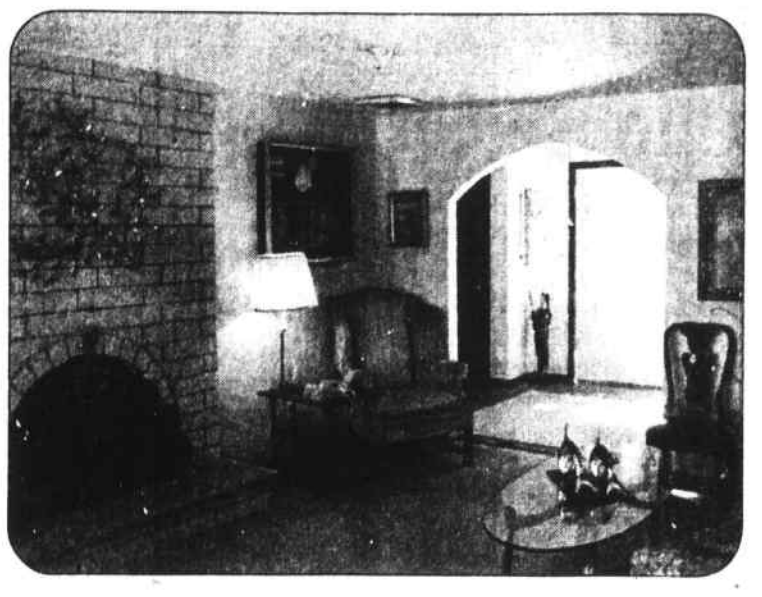
Custom-built for distinctive, gracious living, this week's Real Estate Sampler is a magnificent eight room, four bedroom rambling Ranch, beautifully situated on a quiet cul-de-sac in Wakefield's desirable Westside. Impeccably maintained by its original owner, this beauty boasts two generous levels of living space, including a full finished lower level containing six rooms and two half baths, perfect for an in-home office or potential in-law apartment. Each of this unique home's sprawling floors are filled with fine, quality features and outstanding amenities. This home truly is a "must see" and one that should not be missed.

Greet family and guests in the grand foyer entrance. Continuing on, you will find that space, indeed, abounds. The eat-in kitchen, large and bright, is a comfortable room in which to gather and enjoy meals. A dining room also awaits your more formal occasions. The stunning living room, with its a cozy wood-burning fireplace and bow windows that overlook the beautiful grounds out back, offers an elegant setting in which to entertain. The family room, also found on this level, offers another option for relaxing and entertaining, and boasts a second fireplace (gas) set in a beautiful stone wall, adding character and charm to this already lovely room. A full glass wall in this room has sliders that lead to a screened porch that may be enjoyed during the warmer seasons. The added convenience of the first-floor washer/dryer and half bath will surely be appreciated.

From the foyer, take one step up to a hallway, off of which four oversized bedrooms are located. Each has a California closet that provides more than ample space for storing clothing and personal items. The master bedroom boasts its own private bath. The benefit of a second full bath will undoubtedly prove convenient and a time-saver for family members and/or guests.

While once used as a dental office, the six room lower level with two half baths is empty and ready and waiting to be utilized as you wish. Per-

Sampler to S-8



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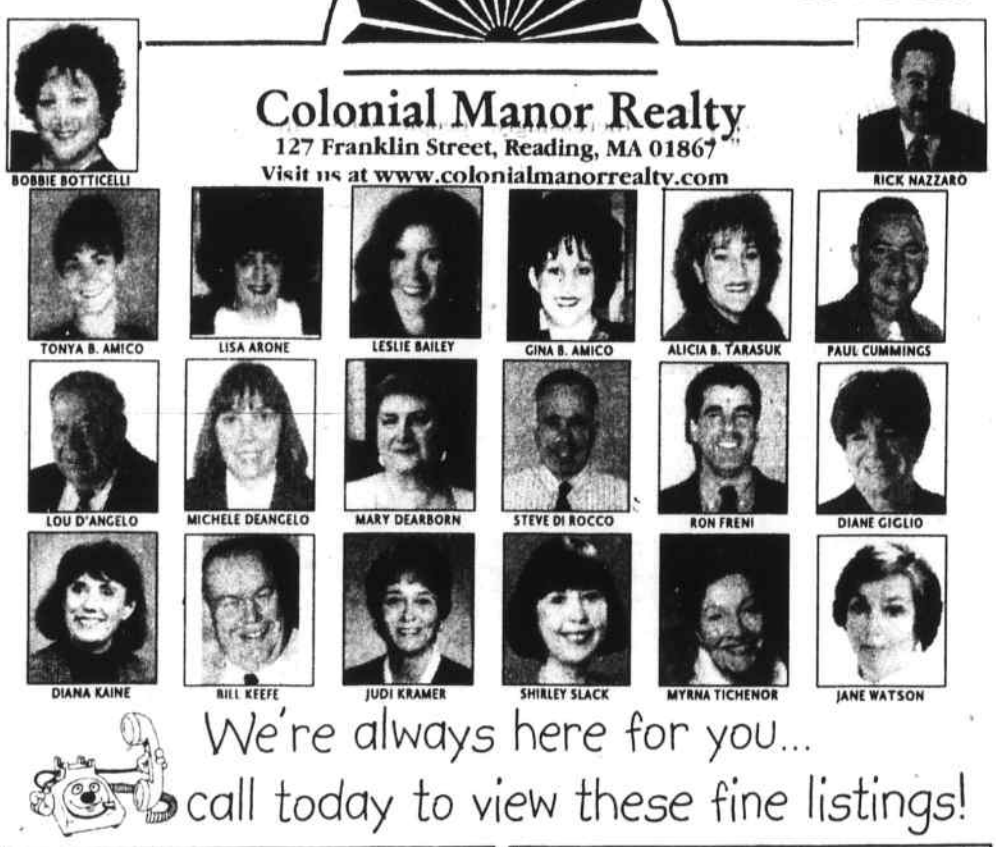


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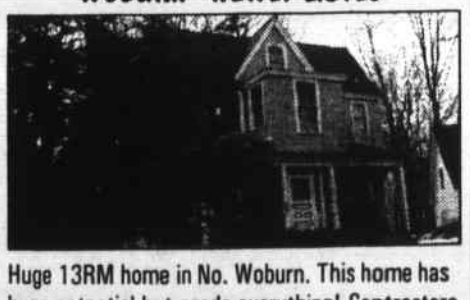
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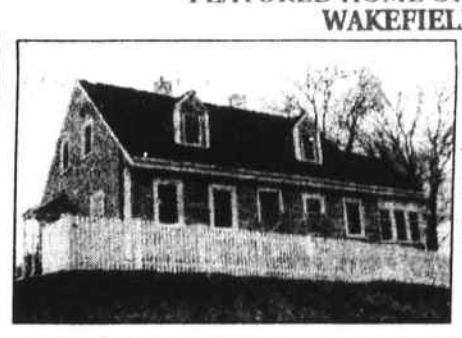
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WAKEFIELD



Attention Investors! Desirable 2 Family, 5/5 rooms, 2/2 bedrooms, 2/1 baths. Many exterior & system updates. Separate heating systems (newer). Some new windows, new electrical, vinyl siding & architectural shingle roof will last for many years. Convenient to downtown, schools, commuter train & bus. **$429,900**

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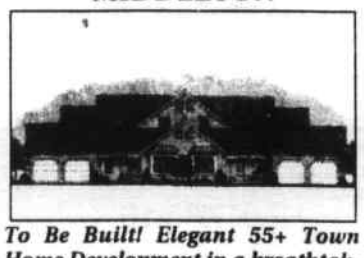
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Quinn new President of EMAR

At the Annual Installation of Officers and Directors of the Eastern Middlesex Association of REALTORS®, Mary Ann Quinn, office manager of Century 21 North Shore at the Depot, in Reading, was sworn in as President of the association for 2004. Quinn has been a member of the Eastern Middlesex Association of REALTORS® since 1990.

Mary Ann has served as Chairperson of the Membership, REALTOR® of the Year, Member Services and Programs Committees, among others. She also served as President of the Massachusetts Women's Council of REALTORS®.



MARY ANN QUINN

As a member of the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS®, she serves on state committees, including the Board of Directors.

Quinn's participation in the community includes the Science Olympiad Team and the Band Parent's Association. She also assists with the Mission of Deeds (a local charity that provides furniture to families in need) and Angel Flight NE (whose mission is flying patients to and from their medical treatments for free).

As President of the Eastern Middlesex Association of REALTORS®, Quinn looks forward to continuing in the growth of the organization and the real estate academy to better serve the REALTORS® and the public.

Mary Ann lives in Reading with her husband Robert and their two children.

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"Using alternative energy sources, such as electricity generated by propane at the point-of-use, can provide greater reliability and flexibility," Willis added.

Through partial funding from the propane industry, Marathon Engine Systems has developed Ecopower Micro-CHP, a propane-fueled, engine-driven appliance that offers consumers a reliable heating and power source anytime, anywhere, in existing or newly developed houses.

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Research efforts funded by the propane industry may also help cell phone users.

IdaTech, with funds provided by the propane industry, have developed and tested a propane-powered fuel cell system that uses the hydrogen in propane fuel to generate electrical energy.

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In order to illuminate the area in front of a garage, will a 40 watt low pressure sodium lamp provide enough light? How high should it be mounted. Knowing the best light source and fixture style can make all the difference in how a consumer spends those outdoor lighting dollars.

Too often, consumers purchase whatever light fixture happens to be on sale at the hardware store, without a thought about wattage, mounting height, energy efficiency, or ease of maintenance.

The following recommendations can help home and business owners in making educated decisions when it comes to selecting lighting fixtures for the great outdoors.

To illuminate large areas around buildings, fuel storage or parking lots, use high intensity discharge lights (HID).

This family of light sources are characterized by their intense, bright light and must be mounted high above the ground in order to spread light to to avoid glare.

Low pressure sodium is a common HID light source. In urban or suburban areas, be sure you're not sending light into your neighbor's window or other areas where it is not wanted.

Look for fixtures with a reflector or head assembly that directs light downward. A well-designed fixture may cost a bit more, but the consumer will win out in the long-run, as all the light you pay for it directed into areas where you can use it.

A typical 90 watt, high pressure sodium lamp (120W with ballast) burning from dusk to dawn (about 4,100 hours per year) costs $49.20 to operate annually, at ten cents per kilowatt hour.

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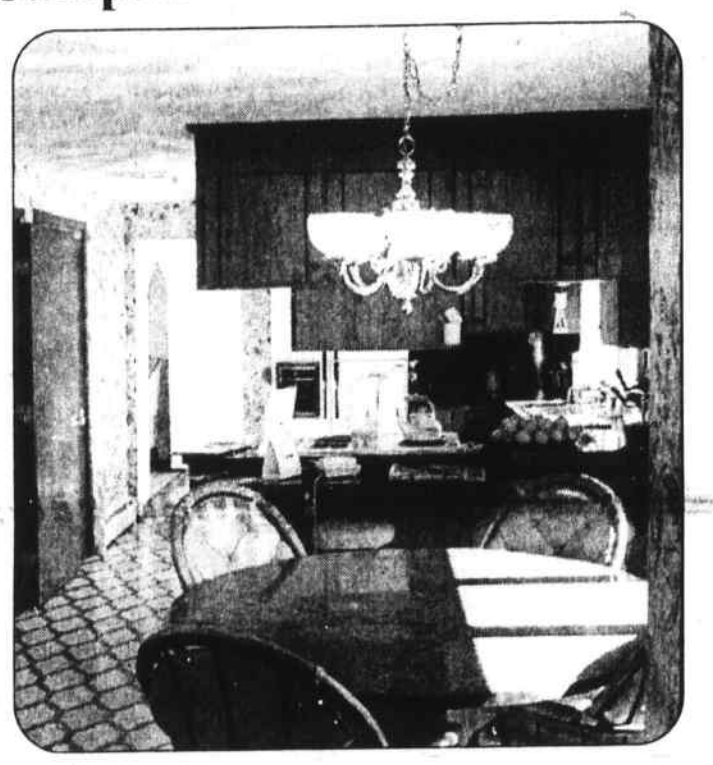
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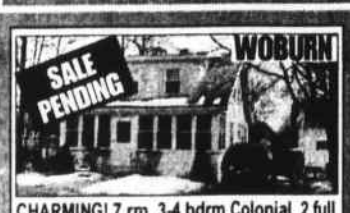
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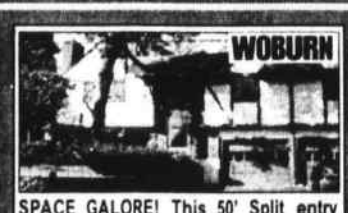


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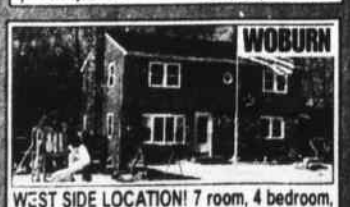
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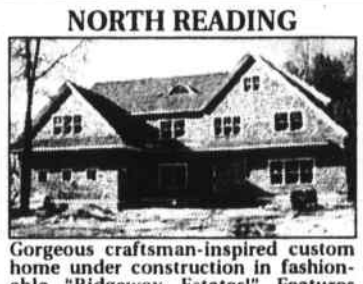
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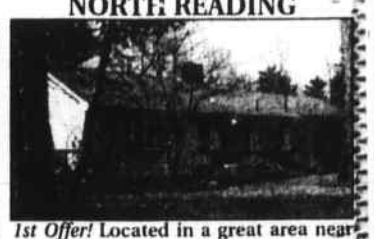
(Sample Photo) Only a few choice homesites remain in the North Shore's most sought after new enclave! This 76 home, 140 acre site offers community pool and park. The homes (such as the Kensington pictured above) offer picturesque styling, wonderful amenities & superb quality! There will never be another MacIntyre Crossing. Call Today! From $950,000

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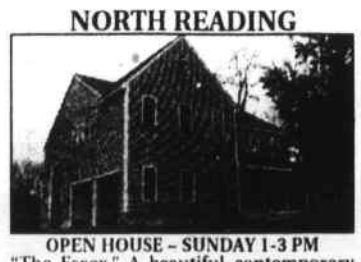
Gorgeous craftsman-inspired custom home under construction in fashionable "Ridgeway Estates!" Features include: Grand 2-story great room with fantastic detail, state-of-the-art cherry kitchen, an unbelievable master bedroom suite and bath - truly a remarkable property. $1,100,000

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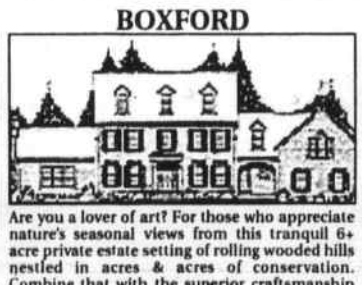
1st Offer! Located in a great area near town center. Well kept Ranch with one year old septic, oversized garage, walk out partially finished basement. Large living room, 3 bedrooms & a North Reading address for this price.
$338,000

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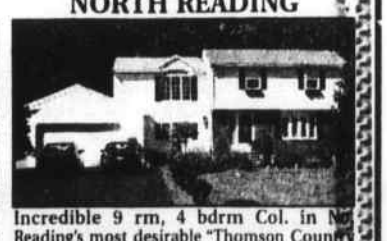
OPEN HOUSE – SUNDAY 1-3 PM
"The Essex." A beautiful contemporary colonial w/farmer's porch offers a gorgeous first flr open kitchen & family rm, perfect for entertaining. The second flr offers two generous bedrms along with an office & fantastic master bedrm suite which includes two walk-in closets. Lowell / Lot 3, Shirley Ave. $649,900

BOXFORD



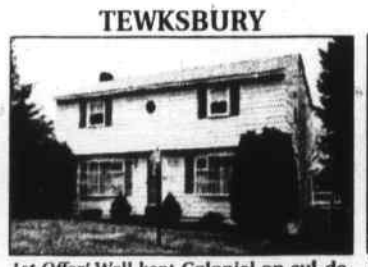
Are you a lover of art? For those who appreciate nature's seasonal views from this tranquil 6+ acre private estate setting of rolling wooded hills nestled in acres & acres of conservation. Combine that with the superior craftsmanship of Habitech Inc. this home features dram foyer w/curved staircase, gour kit w/cust cab & gran countertops, MBR suite w/sep sitting or exercise rm & opulent bath & detailed archit details. Still time for your own personal touches.
Starting at $1,360,000

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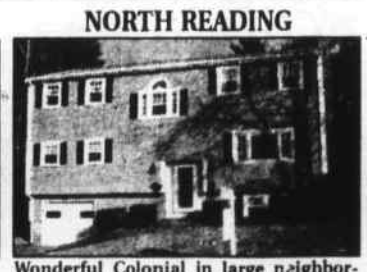
Incredible 9 rm, 4 bdrm Col. in N. Reading's most desirable "Thomson County Club" cul-de-sac! Features 2 fpl, 2 sliders leading to patio, beautiful level lot w/in-ground pool, lge eat-in kit, 1st flr fam rm/din rm, fin lower level w/full bath & much more. Updated heat, stove, dishwasher, baths & septic. $539,000

TEWKSBURY



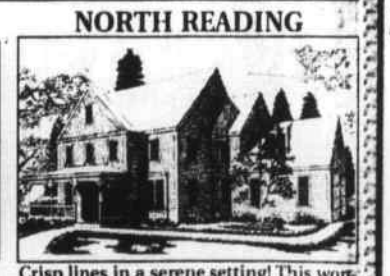
1st Offer! Well kept Colonial on cul-de-sac. Features include: hardwood floors, exceptional baths and kitchen, close to highway and shopping. $395,000

NORTH READING



Wonderful Colonial in large neighborhood. Features include newer gunite pool, new windows, new siding, level lot, large bedrms, wide pine floors, newer bathroom, bright living room w/fireplace, playroom in basement. Shows great!
$539,900

NORTH READING



Crisp lines in a serene setting! This wonderful Colonial is one of the many styles offered on 2 magnificent multi acre lots by Habitech! The amenities of fabled "MacIntyre Crossing" and a fantastic North Reading location! A superb value!
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~ Real Estate Transfers ~

-BURLINGTON-

Median Price: $352,150

9 MAUD GRAHAM CIRCLE was sold to Deborah and William McCarthy by Paula and Richard Torti for $388,000.

-LYNNFIELD-

Median Price: $472,500

11 ISLAND ROAD was sold to Joseph Murray Tr. by Colonial Builders Inc. for $265,000.

11 ISLAND ROAD was sold to John Pascucci by Island Road Rt. and Joseph Murray Tr. for $520,000.

40 ISLAND ROAD was sold to Dibiase Corp. by Germonprez David Est. and William Monoghan for $245,000.

180 LOCKSLEY ROAD was sold to Agi and Leonidas Armenis by Thomas Palermo Jr. for $585,000.

17 TEMPLE ROAD was sold to Jean and Anthony Martinho by Stergos Daileanes for $432,500.

11 TIMBERHILL LANE was sold to Doan Hung and Kin Chan by Allen Williams Jr. and Carolyn Williams for $610,000.

-NORTH READING-

Median Price: $327,500

4 GREENBRIAR DRIVE U:303 was sold to Mark Mazzeo by Elena and William Mara for $177,250.

-READING-

Median Price: $429,500

5 MAPLE STREET U:7 was sold to Linda Jonuskis, by Melodie Fox for $305,900.

-STONEHAM-

Median Price: $368,875

1157 FRANKLIN STREET was sold to Scott Koles and Jeanne Gressler by Justin & Julie Pendergast for $397,000.

95 GOVERNOR ROAD was sold to Erika Lund and Robert Parsons by Governor Road Ft. and Phyllis Cummings-Asetta for $370,000.

5 SHERWOOD ROAD was sold to Angela and Brandon Balistiero by Rita Reilly for $362,000.

-TEWKSBURY-

Median Price: $320,000

13 CAYUGA ROAD was sold to Eric Langan and Sharon Elliman by Larua and Stephen Savio for $419,900.

75 CHARLES DRIVE was sold to Daniel Scaringi Jr. and Michelle Scaringi by Joanne and Richard Fedorchuk for $423,950.

88 DECAROLIS DRIVE U:88 was sold to Kimberly Minardi by J. Frederick Pepe for $229,000.

20 EAGLE DRIVE U:20 was sold to Carmelo and Francesca Carcia by Gondola Assunta Est. and Raymond Gondola Jr. for $279,900.

22 EAGLE DRIVE U:22 was sold to Marlene and Timothy Davis by Thomas Bradford for $259,900.

70 EMERALD COURT U:70 was sold to Anna and Walter Buhay by Stonewood LLC for $359,900.

4 HERITAGE DRIVE U:4 was sold to Laure Walliser-Fajardo and William Fajardo by USA HUD for $230,799.

1738 MAIN STREET was sold to Bernard and Voiletta Kenney by Guida and Paul Kenney for $245,000.

2312 MAIN STREET was sold to Linda and Robert Proctor by J.R. & R. Rt. and Richard Proctor Tr. for $525,000.

17 MARTIN ROAD was sold to SLA. Rt. and Haralembos Katsikis Tr. by Frank and Joseph Stanton for $140,000.

40 ORCHARD DRIVE was sold to Abhay Belambe and Deepanjali Arule by Samira Mullah for $355,000.

30 PATRICK ROAD was sold to Jason Cialone by Alexander and Katherine McCampbell for $248,500.

45 PRIMROSE CIRCLE U:45 was sold to Barbara McCoy by Richard and Virginia Doyle for $295,000.

25 STONEBURY WAY U:25 was sold to Ivamarie and Reid Rideout by L&P Prop. LLC. for $349,900.

20 THORNDIKE LANE was sold to Daniel Kindred by Audrey Trull Rt. and Audrey Trull Tr. for $275,000.

40 THORNDIKE LANE was sold to Charles Miggos by Audrey Trull Rt. and Audrey Trull Tr. for $295,000.

30 VILLA ROMA DRIVE U:30 was sold to Sharon and William Hoff by Antoinette Manfra for $279,500.

-WAKEFIELD-

Median Price: $349,900

7 FOX ROAD was sold to Richard Pesaturo by Frederick and Rosemarie Mercurio for $360,000.

11 NEWELL ROAD was sold to Christopher and Jennifer Ann Callahan by Henshaw Nt. and Judith Gray for $480,000.

9 WALTER AVENUE was sold to Paul Levinson and Rebecca Tepper by Andrew Linebaugh and Linda Davin for $637,500.

-WILMINGTON-

Median Price: $360,000

56 CHESTNUT STREET was sold to Brian Ackerman and Kate Maison by Mabel Maison for $329,900.

3 COLUMBIA STREET was sold to Karin and Kraig Bloom by Claire and Neil Topping for $299,000.

11 DOBSON STREET was sold to Christopher Leonard and Rebecca Dennett by 11 Dobson St. Nt. and Carol Riley Tr. for $307,000.

21 FOREST STREET was sold to Christopher Gray by Donald Stats Jr. and Tracy Stats for $335,000.

11 JORDAN STREET was sold to Ercole and Wendy Buzzanga by David Whitman for $327,500.

24 OAKDALE ROAD was sold to Alison and Mical O'Brien by Marilyn and William Hird for $280,000.

3001 POULIOT PLACE was sold to Landamerica Onestop Inc. by David and Debra Clare for $309,900.

3001 POULIOT PLACE was sold to Daksha and Jayant Mehta by Landamerica Onestop Inc. for $309,900.

220 SHAWSHEEN AVENEUE was sold to Kathleen Manzella and Mary Tucker by Kelly Ann Parks for $325,000.

11 WILLIAMS AVENUE was sold to Matthew Hurley and Tawnya Jardine by McAndrew Mary Est. and Frederick McAndrew for $269,000.

NO ADDRESS GIVEN was sold to Stanley St. Rt. and John Phillips Tr by Helen Deltorto and Stanley Witkum for $5,000.

-WINCHESTER-

Median Price: $669,000

There are no real estate transactions to report in Winchester this week.

-WOBURN-

Median Price: $298,125

273 CAMBRIDGE ROAD U:307 was sold to 307 Rt. and Paul Gitlin by Mary Valeri for $217,500.

22 6TH STREET was sold to 22 6th Road LLC. by 22 6th Road Rt. and Howard Soep for $1,400,000

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FEATURED HOMES OF THE WEEK!

Steve Chuha SRES, CBR, CRS, GRI

Julie Scott, CBR, GRI, SRES

Marge Falla CBR, GRI

Janice Sullivan

Dottye Vaccaro CBR, CRS, GRI, SRES

Judy Bernard CBR

Melanie Horne

Cheryl Weintrob CRS, GRI

Cathy Stygles CBR

READING



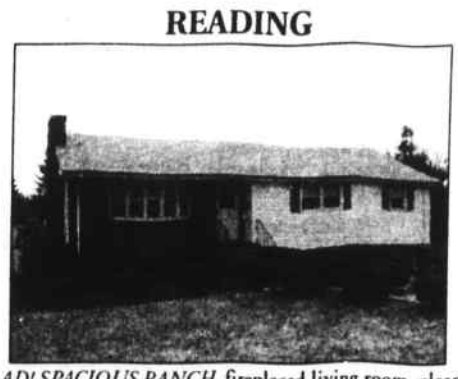
1ST AD! FANTASTIC RANCH W/6 rms, 3 bdrms, nice open floor plan with living rm/dining rm combo. Great LL family rm w/woodstove, gleaming wood flrs throughout, nice deck overlooking back yard. Don't miss this great home! $359,900
Call Melanie Horne x242

READING



1ST AD! LOVELY 2 BEDROOM CORNER unit at Summit Towers! Eat in kitchen, 2 full baths & convenient location! Move right in! $279,900 *Call Julie Scott x273*

READING



1ST AD! SPACIOUS RANCH, fireplaced living room, gleaming hardwood floors, finished lower level, garage. Located on great corner lot, Killam school district & much more! $439,900
Call Meg Michaels x240.

Jan Trigbone CBR, CRS, GRI, LTG, SRES

Cheryl Volpe GRI

Jan Fratus CRS, GRI

Jody Swanstrom CRS, GRI, SRES

Meg Michaels CBR, CRS, GRI

Mike Piscatelli CRS, GRI, SRES

Barbara Scott CRB, CRS, GRI

Mary Ann Hanson

Mark Nelson CBR, GRI

READING



START YOUR SPRING in this 6 rm, 3 bedrm, 2.5 bath Birch Meadow Cape with 3 additional rooms in lower level. Hardwood flrs, fireplaced living rm & updated baths. Call before it's sold! $384,900

READING



BEAUTIFUL TOWNHOUSE @ SUMMIT VILLAGE! 5 room, 2 bedroom, 2.5 baths, fireplace, central air & 1 car garage. $339,900

READING



CLASSIC CAPE FEATURES 7 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, lower level family room. Beautiful lot w/above ground pool. Convenient to shopping & train. Move-in condition! $362,000

WOBURN



3 BEDROOM RANCH ON DEAD END STREET! Good size family room, formal dining room, 2 full baths, hardwood floors and more! $359,900

READING



GREAT SPACE, HIGH CEILINGS & MUCH CHARM! 7 rm, 2 bdrm, 2 bath Bungalow style home. 1st flr FR, beautiful woodwork & wood flrs thru out, screened porch, deck & 1 car gar. $379,900

READING



FABULOUS 3 BEDROOM HOME in top west side neighborhood. Fireplaced living room, dining room, 1.5 baths, garage & nice corner lot. $469,900

READING



PERFECT STARTER RANCH in great location! 6 rooms, 3 bedrooms, garage, gleaming hardwood floors, replacement windows. Move right in! $354,900

METHUEN



ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL 2 bedrm, 2.5 bath TH @ Prides Crossing! FP LR w/bright kit, laundry off 1/2 bath, cath ceiling in MBR, superb views from balcony. Conv. loc. Pets OK! $239,900

EAST BOSTON



NEW PRICE!! A WALK INTO YESTERYEAR IN THIS STATELY 1880's Eagle Hill home currently legal 2 fam. There is just so much orig charm, detail & decor to list. Rare 5K lot & bonus 5 c gar. Grt pot in bsmnt & attic w/widow's walk. Extremely well maintained! Call for details. $509,900

LYNNFIELD



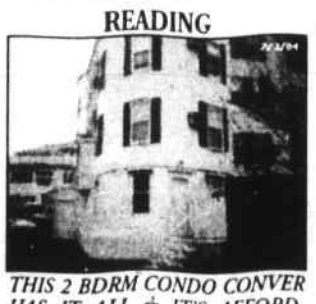
BE ON VACATION ALL YEAR ROUND!! Fish or boat from your own dock. Remodeled 1 bedroom Ranch. Full basement. Like new inside! $350's

METHUEN



EXCEPTIONAL TOWNHOUSE AT PRIDE'S CROSSING! 2 bedrm, 2.5 baths. New carpeting & appliances, large master bedrm w/cathedral ceilings, washer & dryer in unit. Pool & A/C. $228,500

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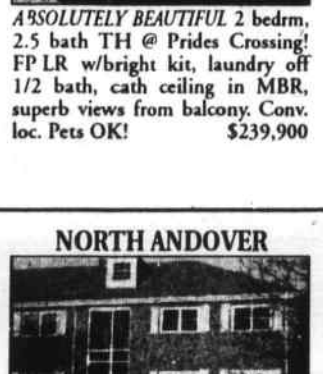
THIS 2 BDRM CONDO CONVER HAS IT ALL & IT'S AFFORDABLE!! 1200 sq. ft., fully appl w/W&D, A/C, low fee, woodlamin flrs, 2 priv entrances, 2/3 car deeded pkg, privy rd, near "T" & common. $229,900

STONEHAM



COLONIAL WITH 8 RMS, 5 BDRMS & 2 BATHS. In-law possibilities. Large lot, garage, vinyl siding, newer roof & windows. $419,900

NORTH ANDOVER



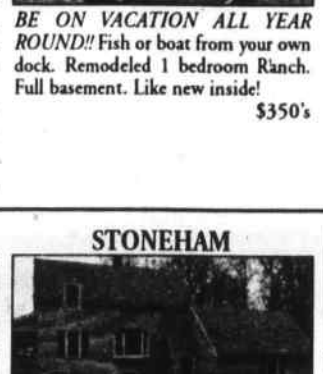
IT'S A NO NO - NO SHOVELING, NO YARD WORK - JUST CAREFREE LIVING! Don't miss this well maintained & tastefully updated 2 bdrm condo w/garage-like flrs, ART DECO bth, EIK, slidrs to bkyd, gas strg & amenities galore. $184,900

WAKEFIELD



CHARM! CHARM! CHARM! Westside Colonial featuring 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, country kitchen w/fireplace, Florida Room, 2 car garage, new roof & doors. $459,900

STONEHAM



9 RM, 4 BEDRM, 2 BATH MULTI-LVL COLONIAL! 2 year old oak cabinet kit w/breakfast bar & ceramic tile. Step down from kit to large FR area w/in-law potential. Replacement windows & former's porch. $405,000

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Lighting

From S-8

or maneuver oversized equipment through gates or doors. The automatic shut-off feature also saves energy, since the lights are only illuminated for a limited period of time.

Near the front walkway of your home or business, use decorative yard lights on a six foot lamp post to illuminate pathways.

In addition to enhancing your home's appearance, yard lights can lower your liability for personal injury, and visitors will have an easier time making their way to the front door of your home.

If the light will be on from dusk to dawn, use a compact fluorescent bulb (rather than a standard incandescent) to save energy and reduce the number of bulb changes. Also, be sure that your bulb is rated for outdoor use, or it won't come on during cold temperatures.

The best overall lighting scheme combines HID area lighting mounted high, with motion-sensor fixtures near doors, plus a decorative yard light to illuminate walkways.

Additional information on lighting can be found in the publication entitled "Outdoor Lighting for Safety and Productivity," available from the National Food and Energy Council.

The fact-filled guide explains each type of light source, and provides recommendations on the correct fixture style and placement. A list of average kilowatt hour usage and annual operating costs for different types of lighting is also provided.

The cost of a single copy of this publication is $4.50 plus the cost of postage.

To order a copy, contact the National Food and Energy Council at 1-573-875-7155 or go online to www.nfec.org.

The Lois Club to meet on March 30

Tuesday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. will find the Lois Club members meeting at Old South United Methodist Church in Reading. It will be a dessert/appetizer buffet and a Yankee Swap. For the Yankee Swap do not buy something new; wrap some article you now have but do not use any more.

One Lois' not used anymore is another Lois' brand new! For directions or questions call Lois Denaro 978-369-9212, Lois Garneau 781-944-3034 or Lois Tulikangas 781-944-9316

Keene at Greers



CHRISTINA KEENE

Century 21 Greers Owner and President Bob Winsor is pleased to announce that Christina Keene has joined the Century 21 Greers team as a Sales Associate.

Christina comes to Greers with a strong background in real estate. She began her career more than seven years ago in an administrative capacity, working for several major real estate companies throughout the Greater Boston area.

Through these positions, Keene established many contacts and a great deal of knowledge which helped in the creation of a solid base for her transition into the next phase of her career as a realtor.

Keene grew up in Wakefield and currently resides in Andover, though she feels at home working in virtually any area community. So whether one is looking for a loft in the city, a quiet retreat in the country or anywhere in between, call Christina Keene at 781-245-4151- she'll be happy to assist with each and every real estate need.

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Brynwood's big and beautiful

By Associated Designs

Soaring arches blend with custom stone masonry in the Brynwood, creating a visually intriguing front façade. Decorative gable supports and Craftsman-style windows add to the allure.

Bright, spacious gathering spaces fill most of the ground floor in this estate-size, three-level plan. Bedrooms are upstairs, and a three-car garage, plus a wealth of extra storage space, are below, accessed via a down-sloping driveway on the left.

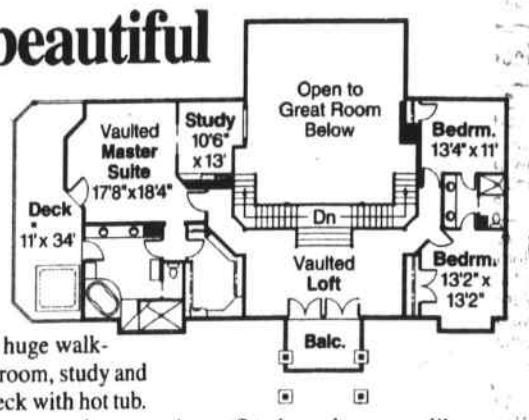
Natural light washes into the lofty foyer through sidelights and an elliptical arched transom. Straight ahead is a vaulted, richly glassed great room. On the foyer's left side, a wide opening leads into a large dining room. To the right, an alcove holds a large, walk-in coat closet and convenient powder room, which is linked to a larger bathroom and a hobby or guest room.

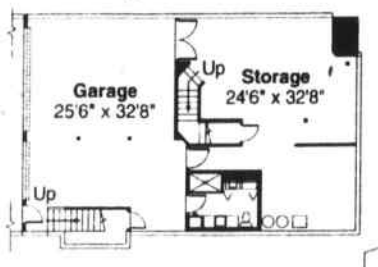
Pocket doors at the rear of the dining room can reveal or conceal a passageway to the naturally sunny kitchen. The bayed nook is more window than wall, and additional glass in front of the sink offers views of the patio and rear yard. A cozy window seat fills one side of the nook; a pantry and built-in desk nestle into the other.

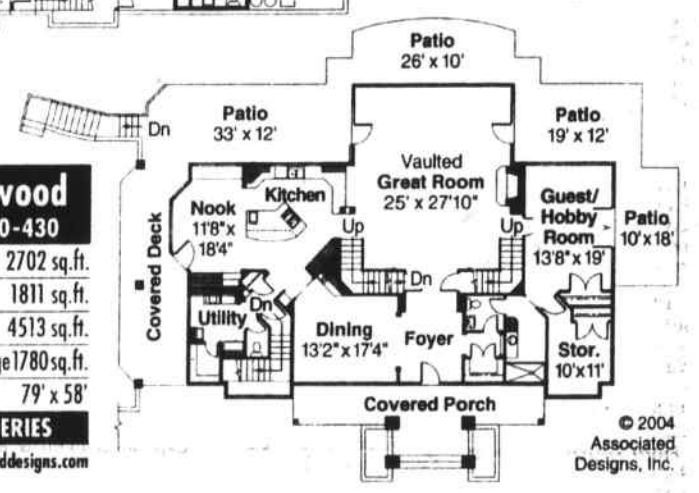
This area is also richly supplied with storage and counter space. Utilities are nearby, along with a toilet and a second, larger pantry.

Upstairs, skylights brighten the Brynwood's luxurious vaulted master suite. Amenities here include: a huge walk-in closet, posh bathroom, study and a private balcony deck with hot tub.

Two more bedrooms share a two-section bathroom. A vaulted loft with a balcony provides ample separation between the master suite and secondary bedrooms. It could be outfitted as a lounge or library.







Brynwood
PLAN 30-430

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Second Floor	1811 sq.ft.
Living Area	4513 sq.ft.
Garage/Storage	1780 sq.ft.
Dimensions	79' x 58'

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READING - *Dramatic 2 story fam rm with floor to ceiling fireplace, 1st flr home office or BR suite, gas fireplace in MBR with luxury bath, exquisite moldings & woodwork in 9 rm, 5 BR Colonial.* $989,900

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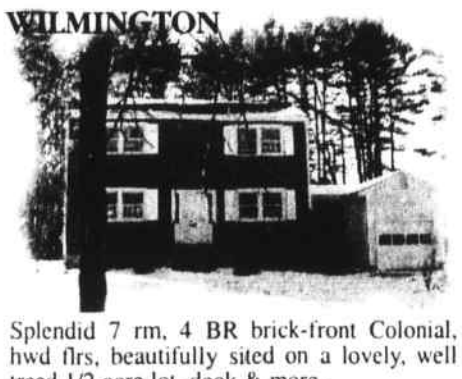
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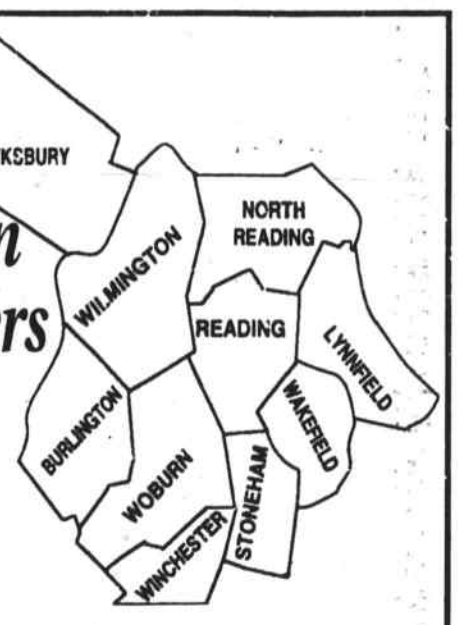
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BUSINESS

TOWN OF WINCHESTER

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

~ PLANNING BOARD ~

PART-TIME

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G24-30

Sunday Openings

From S-1

He noted that the latest change in the law initially affected his business, as some customers were supportive of their local shops. However, he has found that because of Eastgate's pricing policy, the customers have returned.

"We can afford to keep prices down," Walls said, "because (the stores owners) own all the real estate. "We have the cash to make deals and we buy the top amounts all the time."

According to Wall, both the North Reading and Wilmington stores are in the top 10 in Massachusetts for overall sales. The Wilmington store does a lot of beer sales and the North Reading store "deals with a lot of fine wines.

"Everybody thought (statewide Sunday openings) would take a bigger bite than it has. However, our base over the years has been so huge that it can sustain anything," Walls said.

He noted that during the 10 years they had no competition on Sundays, they did not have to do any targeted advertising to let people know where the stores were and that they were open.

"They found us," Walls said.

Norden and Connolly are still waiting to see the full effect of the Sunday openings on their sales. Both stores received permission from their local regulators to open on Sunday by the second week of January and by previous state law had been open during the holiday season

Norden said, "Having the Patriots in the play-offs was a real bonus. It is hard to tell how we will do."

He reported having one slow Sunday since the Patriot's won the Super Bowl, but otherwise business has been "pretty steady."

He is looking forward to the summer to see how much business will increase with the hot weather.

"Hopefully it will be good for business in the summer and the fall, with football starting again. I think in the summer, with 90 degree days it will make a big difference in business with people by the pool (sipping a beer.)"

Connolly said, "We're obviously much busier than we were before and we have put on a couple of people."

He noted that since the Sunday opening there was only one Saturday that showed a difference in the number of sales.

Norden said the new hours have affected his Saturday business slightly. However, overall his numbers are up.

According to Connolly, the Sunday hours are better because it is a day when both husbands and wives are shopping together and they will stop at the liquor store to make their purchases for the week.

There was some opposition to the change in the laws from people who were concerned that it would provoke more drinking. However, Norden does not see that as an issue.

"In general, I think less people are drinking now than 20 years ago," Norden said. People are being more health conscious. They are not drinking and driving anymore.

"People don't give alcohol as gifts as much any more."

According to Walls, the Sunday openings have not made any more of an impact on drinking than normal openings. The impact comes mostly from the economics the country is feeling at any particular time.

Connolly did note that one good thing about the statewide Sunday openings is that cleared up some confusion among customers.

"A lot of people thought we didn't want to open on Sundays," he said.

He noted many of his customers did not realize that until January his store could not open.

Connolly has one store located at 287 Montvale Avenue in Woburn. The Liquor Cabinet is located at 34A Winn Street in Burlington.

The Eastgate stores are located at 211 Lowell Street, Wilmington and 14 Main Street, North Reading.

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tell them that they're 49 cents per pound. If someone asks for **TOMATHOS**, they are 59 cents per pound...

Zsa Zsa Gabor once said, "I've never hated a man so much that I returned the diamond he gave to me."

There are many celebrities in Hollywood who are involved in **RELATIONSHIPS** that are **LESS-THAN-PERFECT.**

A movie actor came home one night and asked his actress wife, "How did it go today, Dear?" "Dreadful," the wife exclaimed, "**YOUR** children and **MY** children were fighting with **OUR** children!"...

After more than six months impasse between management and labor-management sent this message: "We have upped our offer, now **UP YOURS...**"

When Sir William Gladstone was persistent in trying to get a measure passed to benefit the poor people of England, **QUEEN VICTORIA** admonished Gladstone saying, "You forget who I am! I am Queen Victoria of England!"

"Your Majesty," Sir Gladstone said, "You forget who I am. I am the **PEOPLE** of England!"

It would be wise for some office holders to realize that they are simply **NOT OMNIPOTENT!**...

Mario was making **BIG MONEY** for one year - but the police put him out of business. Mario was making the ten dollar bills **TWO INCHES LONGER.**

I remember when some joker gave me a seven dollar bill. I was told to take it to New Hampshire and I could change it up there.

I walked into a convenience store and the genial clerk changed it alright - he gave me a three and a four for my seven dollar bill. Hey, two for one isn't bad...

George Washington, the history books say, threw a silver dollar across the Potomac River. Big deal - a dollar went much further then!...



THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PLANNING the 33rd Annual Antique and Collectibles Show in Wakefield are: (front L to R) Janet Hurren, Martha Martin, Maureen Howland and Amy Wright; (back L to R) Bob Grant, Tom Martin Peg Grant, Ken Parsons and Dom Mercurio. The Show will be held at the First Parish Congregational Church, Wakefield, on Friday March 26 from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be 30 selected exhibitors, including appraisals on Friday evening. The church is planning a home cooked menu to be available throughout the show.

(Don Young photo)

PERSONALITY WINNERS

Tony Fields, Anne Cummings, Attorney Mark Vaughn, Attorney Harold DuLong, **ALL OF BURLINGTON.**

John DiBello, Max Roert Nicholas Spiecher, Leonard Morrison, Gianfranco Pisano, **ALL OF LYNNFIELD.**

Michael Bruce, Nicholas Cipriano, Alexander Frommelt, Sean Hilliard, Michael Hulley Jr., **ALL OF NORTH READING.**

Joe Duffy, Elaine Webb, Linda Phillips, Patrick Fennelly, Joe Bramante, **ALL OF READING**

John Cronin, Dave McIver, Tiffany Lopinsky, Kenny Hogan, Henry O'Connella and Jim McDermott, **ALL OF STONEHAM.**

Alex Dane, David Hecht, Kevin Kirkland, Hannah Kuegler, Natasha Kuegan, **ALL OF TEWKSBURY.**

Carmen Urbonas, Ed Audet, Brett Jackson, Coach Paula Stanton, Trudi Murphy, **ALL OF WAKEFIELD.**

Teresa Zeppi, Rich Palizzolo, Michael Hamill, James Quinn, Kaitlyn Sirback, **ALL OF WILMINGTON.**

Scott McKenzie, Brendan Lynch, Sam Robinson, Elizabeth Willett, Julie Noble, **ALL OF WINCHESTER.**

David Ralli, Coaches Pual Sacco and Duane Sigsbury, Ryan Kelley, Paul Dwyer, **ALL OF WOBURN.**

DREAMBOATS - Carol Morris of **BURLINGTON,** Renee Fraunani of **LYNNFIELD,** Nancy Stewart of **NORTH READING,** Kristen Nelson of **READING,** Elizabeth Marie Hanson of **STONEHAM,** Emily Fugate of **TEWKSBURY,** Joelle Christian of **WAKEFIELD,** Nicole Schell of **WILMINGTON,** Siobhan Lucey of **WINCHESTER,** Martha Burns of **WOBURN.**

SUPERSTARS - Ernest Covino of **BURLINGTON,** Jason Limauro of **LYNNFIELD,** David Poplaski of **NORTH READING,** Coach Peter Doherty of **READING,** Edie Lenine of **STONEHAM,** Rebecca Clark of **TEWKSBURY,** Lee J. Mirasolo of **WAKEFIELD,** Rep. James Miceli of **WILMINGTON,** Mary Pelrine of **WINCHESTER,** Seth McNary of **WOBURN.**

The **DENTIST** told Tony Zankowski, "I'm sorry, but I can't see you today. I have a **BUSY AFTERNOON** filling eighteen **CAVITIES.**"

Hanging up the phone, the dentist picked up his **GOLF BAG** and walked out the door...

Gina Aloisi told her third grade students, "A three wheel vehicle is called a **TRICYCLE.** A vehicle with two wheels is called a **BICYCLE.** What is a vehicle with one wheel called?"

Young Brock Berensteen's instant response was, "That's easy! A **WHEELBARROW!**"...

I asked Danny Luberto, owner of the famous Lubert's Bakery, "How much is your **POUND CAKE,** Dan?"

Danny smiled and said, "Chipper, the pound cake is sixteen ounces." I got back at him by saying, "There must be a lot of **DOUGH** in bakeries, Dan..."

At a swanky party, a hostess asked Aldo Catalucci, "Why aren't you dancing?"

Aldo explained, "I'm a little **STIFF** from playing polo." "I don't care where you're from!" she replied, adding, "You should pick a partner and start dancing!"...

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